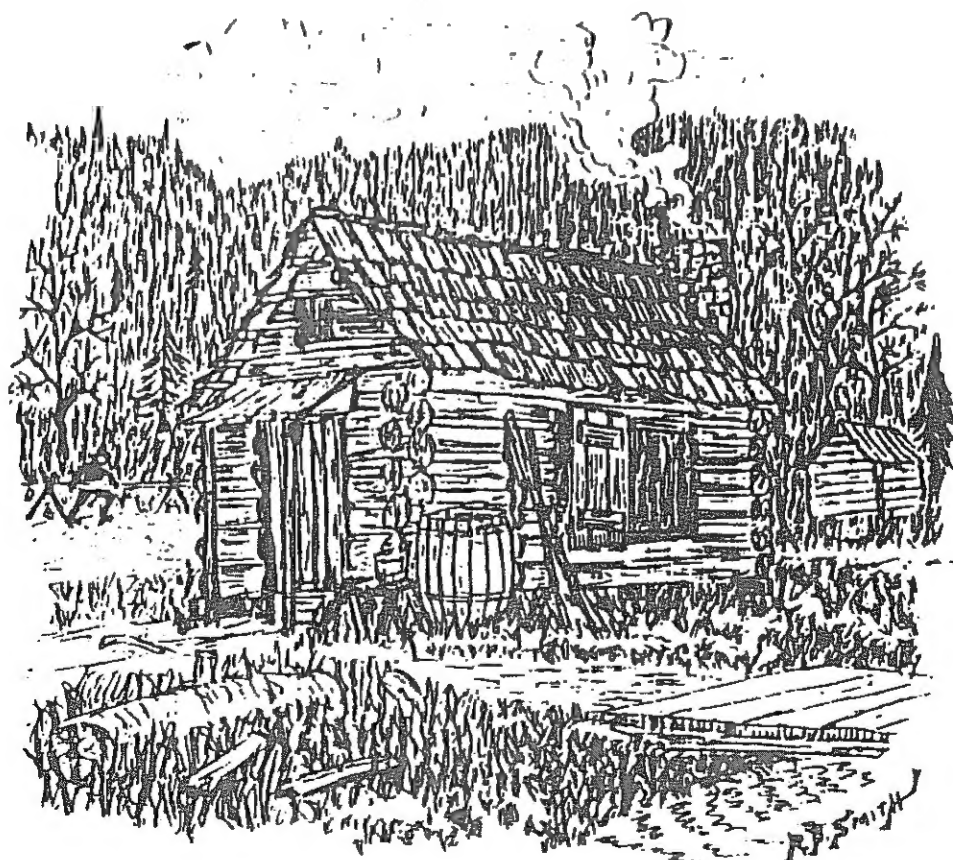


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We have an annual meeting of members during the month of August of each year. Come and join us and learn about the pioneers. Bring your geneological materials, pictures, and mementoes and spend a glorious weekend with your cousins.

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27 Jul 1991

Hello Cousins -

I know you all are wondering why you're receiving the "spring" issue of the Journal in August - I confess - the whole executive committee is responsible - we've been so busy getting three new publications ready for the printer, making plans for the gathering and working on acquiring funding, etc., for our new library that the Journal didn't get "put together". Also - I'm sure you know what problems computers can create - in this case, it created a big one. I had twelve pages for this issue in the computer and developed a "dead" spot in my disk - I lost it all. It was an original article - and, now I have to write it over again. But, since this issue was already late, I gathered up some things from another book we were working on and used them here. So. . . . that's the "jist" of why the issue is late.

Effective August 1, Chuck/Charlie/Charles will be RETIRED - not from life, just from driving truck. We're earnestly looking for a home "back home" in the West Virginia hills. We hope to be there sometime after the first of the year.

WANTED: Pictures of Peterson School students and staff from early years, McGuire Park folks and Stone Coal Church doin's of long ago. Let me know what you have. I'll pay for any copies.

Son Jene returned safe from the Persian Gulf. He was with the 7th Corps in the invasion and then spent 27 days in Kuwait. Thanks for all your thoughts and prayers.

If you don't make it to the gathering, the next time you're in Weston drive by the Frontier School on Center Street and take a look at what will soon be the HCPD Library. The Executive Committee is excited about the move - we hope you will be too. And - please give lots of thought to a donation to the endowment fund for the library. It takes all of us to make this happen.

If you have queries for the next issue, please get them mailed to HCPD right away. The fourth issue of this volume will go to the printer in early September.

Take care - and hope the rest of your summer is an enjoyable one.

Love - your cuz -

Joy

From the Desk of the HCPD President

July 1991

HCPD Road Signs: Three of them! The Hodgesville Extension Home makers Club is in the process of making a new sign at head of Hackers Creek. The club has planted flowers around the sign/<sup>location</sup>which will read "Welcome to Historic Hacker's Creek Area". The Berlin Extension Homemakers Club has installed a new brick support with two posts for a new HCPD sign with the same wording. The third sign is on the grounds of Harmony Church across from the Wilderness Plantation Inn, on WV Rt 7 near the Plantation Inn Restaurant along I-79. HCPD and the Trustees of the Harmony United Methodist Church installed this sign.

HCPD LIBRARY USE: Last year we had approximately 191 people use our library data. This year during the first six months some 240 persons have registered in for library assistance. Barbour, Harrison, Lewis and Upshur Counties' Homemakers Clubs, some 85 of them, have received complimentary copies of the HCPD Journal along with an invitation to visit our Library and to consider becoming a member of HCPD. Several of their members have joined. Let's give them a big welcome! Each club will range in membership from 10 to 30 members. We estimate that the name of HCPD reached at least 900 families.

MARRIAGE BONDS PUBLICATION: We thank the many members who have written and/or called in their reservations for a copy. Why the delay in getting it printed? Several reasons. We, the volunteer editors and proof readers, freely admit that the job of editing has taken much longer than we anticipated. We have tried to produce a quality product as free of errors as possible. We need to "take our hats off" and compliment Robert Smith, Ed Allman, Howard Bonnett, Joy and Charles Gilchrist, Irma Curtis, Nancy Jackson, Raydine Teicheira, and Barbara McCarty for their team effort. And, believe me it was and is a noble worthwhile endeavor!

QUESTION: Where can HCPD get a level lot on a good street with a brick building 22 feet by 36 feet with electric gas, water, already hooked up, and available, for \$1.00 per year?

(turn page and read on)



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July 1991

One answer to that Question could be on Center Avenue, Weston West Virginia. This building was built in the 1870's and was used by Black Children in the Weston area. The Lewis County Board of Education owns the lot and building and the building is used for special education purposes presently. However, the Board is constructing another building closer to the High School for that particular education facility.

LONG TERM AGREEMENT SIGNED: Subject to HCPD receiving a grant to do some repairs on the one room brick school building, and maintaining the building, the Lewis County Board of Education will lease the building to HCPD for \$1.00 per year. The Board of Education will insure the school building along with their other facilities since HCPD conducts seminars in local schools each year. The Board will also install a gravel parking lot at the rear of the school for HCPD use. HCPD and the Board of Education have signed the lease after 18 months of negotiations.

POLICY AND POSITION OF HCPD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The present HCPD Exec. Comm. holds that we should not saddle future officers and committee chairmen with the costs of utilities such as electric, gas, water and sewage at this facility which can serve as our library, small museum, and committee meeting room. Approximately \$150.00 per month is needed by HCPD to pay for the utilities after we move into the one room, brick school house.

INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF HCPD to establish an endowment fund to draw interest to pay for the library utilities.

WHERE ON EARTH will that kind of money come from? Well, for starters HCPD has received a grant of \$5800.00 to which we have available another \$5000.00 (both of which are in CD's and drawing interest) and totals over \$11,000.00.

(turn page and read on)

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How much more will we need? At least \$19,000.00 to endow the costs of our utilities.

Why \$19,000.00? Add \$11,000.00 to \$19,000.00 and that makes \$30,000.00.

The Bankers tell us that we should get at least 6% on \$30,000.00.  $\$30,000.00 \times .06$  would yield us at least \$1,800.00 per year. Divide \$1,800.00 by 12 months and that makes \$150.00 per month which should cover our utilities costs based upon present Board of Education records of utility costs on that particular school, for the past two years.

LEADERSHIP TO HEAD UP A FUND DRIVE is Charles Gilchrist and his committee. They will welcome your ideas, encouragement, and support - any time!

*Hope to see "you all"*  
*August 9-10-11, 1991*  
*Maurice H. Allman*

Dear Friends and Cousins:

Since the last issue, the executive committee has been busy finalizing the printing of the Lewis County Marriage and Bonds. Also, many hours have been spent discussing the need for an endowment fund for a library. We are in desperate need of more library space as we have outgrown our present facilities. Chuck Gilchrist will be our financial chairman for a library fund raising. We have an option on an historic building in Weston contingent upon adequate funding.

It is hard to believe that one year ago I attended the annual Gathering for the first time and personally met my good friend and house guest Linda Brake Meyers from Ill. I met Linda by answering a journal query. As a result we are making astounding discoveries about the Jackson and Brake families. For this relationship I am thankful to HCPD. Last year I met so many wonderful persons at the Gathering and am looking forward to this year.

Sometimes, I wonder if I will ever have a neat house again. It seems I have genealogical papers scattered all over the house. Does this sound familiar? May God bless each of you and if possible may we meet at the annual Gathering in August.

Sincerely,

*Nancy Jackson*  
Nancy Jackson

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## ***Robert B. Smiths to Observe 50th Anniversary June 15***

Robert B. Smith and the former Ruth V. O'Field, who were married June 14, 1941 by Rev. B.L. Bridges of the United Brethren Church of Winchester, Va., will observe their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 15.

An open celebration will be held from 1-4 p.m. at the Wilderness Plantation Inn Banquet Room, Jane Lew Exit, I-79.

Their son Larry, his wife Elaine and family will be in charge of the event with friends and relatives welcome.

It is asked that gifts be omitted.

As you can see from the notice above, Ruth and I finally made our 50th.mile-stone. It wasnt an easy ride with many ups and downs but it has been a happy and eventfull one. We have traveled extensively and enjoyed many sites and places over these United States. Ruth has been very helpfull and patient while I have persued history and genealogy and still likes to visit old cemeteries. We are now looking forward for our 60th. mile-stone and with GOD's help we will make it. We missed those of you that didn't make our celebration.

*Robert B. Smith* V.P.-H.C.P.D.

**Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants**  
**P.O. Box 37, Jane Lew, WV 26378**  
**"A Genealogical and Historical Society of Central West Virginia"**

August 1, 1991

As some of you may recall, the idea for Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants was born over a cup of coffee in Canton, Ohio, between two women from Lewis County. Ninety-two persons from across the nation attended the first meeting at Broad Run Baptist Church in October 1982.

There are now almost 400 members whose families had roots in not just Lewis County, but also Harrison, Upshur, Barbour, Gilmer, Ritchie, Jackson, Marion, Monongalia and Randolph Counties — the entire central West Virginia area. About 2,000 pages have been published in the Journals in addition to several other genealogical and historical books; and three new books will be available at this year's gathering.

The library which started with family group sheets and letters sent by the charter members has grown to a very large collection through the donations of members and friends. The collection, originally housed in the Gilchrist home in Ohio, was brought to a temporary home in the Louis Bennett Public Library in Weston, West Virginia, in 1988.

Early this year, we outgrew the original space allotted to us by the public library and we "spilled over" into an adjoining room. Sixty feet of shelf space was added. Believe it or not, that space is also full. Besides the printed material, we have acquired office equipment and will be adding microfilm, microfiche, and readers.

There has been an ongoing search for a permanent location for the library. In early 1990, president Maurice Allman learned that the Frontier School (formerly known as the "Colored School") on Center Street might be available.

This historic building, owned by the Lewis County Board of Education, was being used for special education classes; but, plans were afoot for construction of a new building for these classes. In May, a long term lease agreement was signed with the school board for our use of the Frontier School for \$1 per year. The board will pay the annual insurance and install a parking lot.

Meanwhile, a grant application was made to the Wes-Mon-Ty RC&D Board for funds to renovate the building: new roof, windows, a heating and air conditioning system, etc. Although some monies appear to be forthcoming, renovation (other than paint, shelving, and furniture) is not absolutely necessary for HCPD occupation of the Frontier School.

However, of immediate concern to the executive committee before HCPD can move into the new quarters is an endowment fund to assure the continued operation of the library in the new location. We must be able to pay the gas, electric, and water bills. To occupy the Frontier School without the assurance that the utilities can be met in the future, would show irresponsibility on the part of the present executive committee and would place undue stress on future officers and members of HCPD.

Based upon the present use of the building, i.e., the special education classes, our utilities would cost \$154 budgeted over a twelve month period. An endowment of \$30,000 invested in certificates of deposit at 6% would yield \$1,800, just a few dollars short of the projected utilities annually.

Last year, HCPD was given \$5,800 towards the endowment by the Bi-Centennial Committee (now Lewis County Historical and Preservation Committee); this was placed in a CD.

Through earned interest, sales of publications, t-shirts, souvenirs and donations from various members, the executive committee has been able to place an additional \$5,000 in a CD. This second CD, although not earmarked and if the grant comes through, can be used as part of the \$30,000 endowment.

Thus, before we can "turn the key to the lock", HCPD must raise, through donations, pledges and other means, an additional \$19,000 for the endowment fund.

Now is your chance to help. Enclosed are two cards — one for donations and one for pledges. Please give careful consideration to the needs of HCPD and then complete one or both and return to HCPD. Remember — without this endowment our library and, thus, HCPD cannot continue to grow. All donations are tax deductible.

If you have any questions concerning the library or the endowment fund, you may contact me at home at (614)-545-6010 or contact any of the HCPD executive committee. You'll find the executive committee addresses and home phone numbers listed in the front of your Journal.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in August.

Cordially,



Charles H. Gilchrist  
Library Finance Chairman

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Donations or pledges (when paid in full) of \$500 or more will entitle donor to a Life Membership in HCPD. Life members will receive a gold-plated membership card and have their name engraved on a plaque in the new library.

### PATRONS

Donations or pledges (when paid in full) of \$100-\$500 will be considered as Patrons. Patrons will receive one year's free membership in HCPD and names will be inscribed on a plaque in the new library.

### SPONSORS

Donations or pledges of less than \$100 will be considered as Sponsors. Names will be inscribed on a plaque in the new library.

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### DONATION CARD

#### HACKER'S CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND

I / We am / are willing to help with the endowment fund for the new HCPD Library.

Enclosed is my donation for \$\_\_\_\_\_. I / We understand that this amount entitles me to be a (Life Member, Patron, Sponsor). (Please circle one.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number : \_\_\_\_\_

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### PLEDGE CARD

#### HACKER'S CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND

I / We am / are willing to help with the endowment fund for the new HCPD Library.

I / We hereby pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid in annual installments of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

\* I understand that my installments will be due on the first day of October in 1991, 1992 and 1993. I further understand that this amount, when paid in full, will entitle me to be a (Life Member, Patron, Sponsor). (Please circle one.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number : \_\_\_\_\_

\* Divide amount of pledge by three for the amount of annual installment.

## FROM OTHER NEWSLETTERS

The following items were found in newsletters by Lolita Guthrie of Bowling Green, OH; she felt they would be of definite interest to our members.

A Query - Lucinda McCARTY, d/o John & Elizabeth (SIMS) McCARTY, b VA ca 1820. Family tradition says she m a BUSH. Marriage could have been in Gallia Co. where McCARTYS went in 1835, or Muskingum Co. (Newton Twp.) where they were in 1840. Does any BUSH descendant recognize Lucinda? Jo Ann Witson Cuddy, 212 Lavinder Lane, Bristol, TN 37620.

## A Member Tells about HCPD

From "The Van Wert Connection", Vol. XII, No. 2., Apr. 1991.

"At our February meeting, Bonnie Wallace gave a very interesting account of Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendants of Lewis, Harrison and Upshur Counties in West Virginia. She has loaned to the Annex the collection of 468 five-generation charts (Volumes I & II with an every name index for each). If you think your ancestors might have migrated through Hackers Creek, you might want to check these out."

Editor's Note: Thanks, Bonnie, for spreading the word about HCPD. Volume III of Five Generation Charts will be ready in time for the gathering. You might want to share it too.

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NEW INDEXING SYSTEM FOR COMPUTERS PURCHASED BY HCPD

Thanks to Lolita Guthrie HCPD has found a new indexing system to use on the computer. I've used it to index our two newest pubs, EARLY LEWIS & HARRISON CO. W. VA. FAMILIES, THEIR DESCENDANTS & ALLIED FAMILIES, Vol. III, and LEWIS COUNTY CEMETERIES, Vol. I. I was able to enter the names as fast as I could type (about 2000 names in an evening). It's easy to edit and easy to use. If you're considering any indexing for your personal use, the Executive Committee of HCPD recommends SKY INDEX. Order from GBIP, 6818 Lois Dr., Springfield, VA 22150.

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MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Paying your dues? Want your membership card before the next issue of the Journal? Send an S.A.S.E. Otherwise membership cards will be attached to the next issue after dues are paid

## HENRY - HENDRICK (CUTRACK - CARTWRIGHT) CUTRIGHT

Augusta Co. Va. Court Records

19 April 1749 mentioned in will of James Coburn  
22 March 1753 Henry Cartwright qualified Ensign of Foot  
14 December 1753 witness will of Jonathan Hornbeck  
14 February 1758 Hendrick Cutrack witness will of Abram Hornbeck

9 August 1773 Fairfax to Henry Cutright lot #51 on Eastside of South Branch  
of Potomac 75 acres

Hardy Co. Book 4 pg. 422 29 August 1787

Henry Cutrack and wife of Hardy Co. to Abraham Shobe of Hardy Co  
same lot as above, names sons John and Abraham, the longest to live to inherit  
Signed by Henry Cutrack and wife Libby (Elizabeth Westfall)

1. John Cutright (1747-1830) known as the "Bear Hunter".  
I have more on this line

2. Abraham

I am sending the above information in the hopes this will clear up the  
confusion of Henry Cutright being the father of John Cutright with wife  
Rebecca Truby. Henry Cutright shows up no place in the census of early Lewis  
Co. John Cutright Sr. and John Cutright Jr. both show up in the early tax  
records. Both show up as land owners on the Buckhannon River. Why would anyone  
try to find another connection. John and Rebecca had 5 sons of which none are  
named Henry. If anyone can prove that Henry is of our line I wish they would  
share it with everyone else. Henry's line went to Kentucky and later to Ross  
Co. Ohio.

I am sure a lot of unanswered questions are in the courthouses in Upshur, Lewis  
Randolph and Harrison Counties, but I don't have the time to search. I did find  
a lot when I did search. Ms. Janis Cutright, 205 Belvedere S.E, Warren Ohio 44483



John Cutright & wife  
to  
Abraham Cutright deed  
of bargain sale of 100  
acres of land

This Indenture made this twenty eight day  
of July One Thousand Eight Hundred---  
Between John Cutright & Rebecca his wife of  
the County of Randolph and State of Virginia  
of the one part and Abraham Cutright of the same  
County and State afore said of the other part  
Witness that we the said John Cutright & Rebecca

his wife for and in consideration of the sum of fifty Dollars to us in  
hand paid the Reciept where of is hereby acknowledged - hath granted  
bargained sold aliened Enfeoffed & Confirmed and by these present do grant  
bargain Sell alien enfeoff & confirm unto the said Abraham Cutright  
a certain tract or parcel of land lying & being in Randolph County and  
the State of Virginia Situated on the West side of Buckhannon River and  
adjoining on the lower side of French Creek to join the River and Creek  
both Bounded as followeth (viz) Beginning at a white oak standing on the  
River Bank & Running up the River South & East 30 poles to a white oak  
65 W 86 poles to a Sycamour on the bank of French Creek N 11 W 60 poles  
to a Dogwood N 77 W 80 poles to a gum standing on line of the old Lunacy  
Home North 41 poles to a white oak S 70 E 74 poles to a white N 50 poles  
to a white oak with a Strat Line to the Beginning Containing One hundred  
acres be there more or less with all profits and commodities there unto  
belonging or in any wise appertaining with all its appertanances to have  
and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with all its appertanances unto  
the said Abraham Cutright his heirs and assignes forever and we the said  
John Cutright & Rebecca his wife for themselves & heirs do covant that  
this will forever Warrent & Defend the said tract or parcel of Land from  
all manner of person what so ever unto the said Abraham Cutright his heirs  
and assignes In witness where of we the said John Cutright & Rebecca his  
wife have here unto set our hands & affixed and seals the day and year  
first above Written

John Cutright (seal)  
Rebecca Cutright (seal)

Deed Book #2 Pages 158 & 159  
Randolph Co. Courthouse  
Elkins, W.Va.

*Papers of John Cutright*

## LORENZO WHO!

LORENZO DOW. Who was this man who so impressed our ancestors that they named their children after him? My own gr-grandfather was named Jacob Lorenzo "Dow" Brake and his grandson was named Marvin Lorenzo Brake. In my search for our ancestors I ran across his name so many times I began to wonder just "who" he was and "why" was he so popular with these people?

Lorenzo Dow was a famous Methodist missionary. He was born in Connecticut in 1777 and died February 2, 1834. He was a small man who dressed like and had the mannerisms of a frontiersman. During his annual visits to WV he stayed at the home of his sister, Mrs. Benjamin Dolbear of Beverly. He traveled around the countryside on a mule loaded with over-sized saddle bags.

The folks of the area looked forward to his yearly visits as he would bring long awaited news and messages from friends and relatives. He would hold classes in their homes, known in that day as "the meeting house", teaching the Bible and various other educational activities. He drew crowds so large that often he would have to preach his sermons in the streets. His magnetic powers so captivated his audience that he would hold their attention for hours. His sermons were so emotional that his body would jerk and undergo weird and peculiar contortions. His listeners believed he was casting out the evil spirit from his soul. These experiences plagued his mind and he often mentioned them in his writings. They magnified his image and reputation inducing our ancestors to name their children after him for generations to come.

written by:

Linda Brake Meyers

Byron, Illinois 61010

February 1991

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THE LIFE AND TIMES  
OF  
JOHN THEODORE SCHIEFER  
(1830-1864)  
LEWIS COUNTY HERO - CIVIL WAR TRAGEDY  
by  
William Foster Hayes III

PART IX  
(CONTINUED)

The Cherokee word for "River of Death" is Chickamauga. This turned out to be a prophetic irony. On September 19th and 20th, 1863, Confederate General Braxton Bragg (with 70,000 troops) savagely fell on Union General William Starke Rosecrans (and 55,000 troops) at Chickamauga Creek, TN.

The ensuing Battle of Chickamauga, TN, was the bloodiest battle of war in the whole Western Theater, a slaughter which saw the South victorious (though losing 18,300 men) over the Army of the Cumberland (which lost 16,200). The overworked field-hospitals were marked by bloody heaps of amputated limbs. And, though the amputations were generally successful, the patients frequently died of infection. It was not until after 1865 that Sir Joseph Lister introduced antiseptic surgery and techniques of sterilization. During the War the surgeons kept buckets of water nearby, washed their hands and surgical tools after each use, but the results were frighteningly unsanitary by today's standards.

Thus far, in his first year of armed service, John Theodore Schiefer had been lucky. Co. B 15th WV had not seen action in any of the major battles of the War.

Three new privates had been mustered into Co. B 15th WV on 20 June 1863:

## John Theodore Schiefer

Pvt. Jenkins, Joseph

Pvt. Murphy, John W.

Pvt. Wilkinson, Joshua S.

And only seven privates had left Co. B 15th WV:

Pvt. Bailey, Philander - Died at New Creek of  
measles 1 Nov 1862

Pvt. Jewell, Albert - Discharged as physically  
unfit at New Creek 9 Dec 1862

Pvt. Moneypenny, Napoleon - Died of fever at Wheel-  
ing 14 Oct 1862

Pvt. Murphy, John W. - Deserted at Romney 16 Oct  
1863 (after only 4 months' service)

Pvt. Sprouse, William - Deserted at Back Creek  
August 1863

Pvt. Taylor, James - Deserted at Back Creek June  
1863

Pvt. West, Charles - Sick at Clarryville (near  
Back Creek) May 1863

Captain Michael Egan reiterated to Co. B 15th WV how  
fortunate they were. He reminded them how they had  
to remain alert. He kept after them to keep themselves  
physically and psychologically ready for battle 24 hours  
a day.

Camped near Romney, they sang almost every night. Their  
repertoire became more patriotic as time wore on:

"America"

"Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean"

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

"Star-Spangled Banner"

But it also began to comment on their situation with  
sad and sentimental ballads:

"Lorena"

"Weeping Sad and Lonely"

"When This Cruel War is O'er"

On the night of October 9th, 1863, John Theodore Schiefer  
sat down and wrote out the lyrics of "When This Cruel War  
is O'er" and sent them to his wife Amanda Smith Schiefer  
back home. I have this heart-felt document in my pos-  
session. The music was by Henry Tucker. The words were  
authored by Charles Carroll Sawyer. This is the only  
example I've found of John Theodore Schiefer's handwriting.

\* \* \*

John Theodore Schiefer

Carmel near Rome, Massachusetts  
Oct the 9<sup>th</sup> 1861

## When This Cruel War is over.

1<sup>st</sup> Verse

Dearest love do you remember  
 When we last did meet  
 How you told me that you loved me  
 Kneeling at my feet  
 Oh how proud you stood before me  
 In your suit of blue  
 When you vowed to me and country

to be true

Chorus &amp; S. &amp; S.

Weeping sad and lonely  
 Hopes and tears how vain  
 When this cruel war is over  
 Praying that we meet again  
 I hope

When the summer breeze is sighing  
 Mournfully alone  
 As when autumn leaves are falling  
 Sadly breathes the Song  
 Oft in dreams I see the lying  
 On the battle plain

2<sup>d</sup> Verse

If amid the din of battle  
 Nobly you should fall  
 Far away from those who love you  
 None to hear you call  
 Who would whisper words of comfort  
 Who would soothe your pains  
 Oh! the many cruel fancies  
 Ever in my brain

Chorus! When this cruel war is over  
 4<sup>th</sup> Verse

But our Country called you darling  
 Angels. Thares your pray  
 While our nations are fighting  
 We can only pray  
 Nobly strike for God and Liberty  
 Let all Nations see  
 How we love our starry Banner  
 Ever of the Free  
 Chorus!  
 Weeping sad and lonely

## John Theodore Schiefer

October 15, 1863. Lincoln created the Division of the Mississippi out of the Departments of the Ohio, the Cumberland, and the Tennessee. He put General Grant in command. Grant immediately replaced General Rosecrans with General George Henry Thomas.

November 5, 1863. Co. B 15th WV marched to Springfield, Fairfax Co, VA, across the Potomac River from Washington, DC. Colonel McCaslin still headed the Regiment, now in the Department of West Virginia. Captain Egan had his men construct crude huts for protection against the coming winter weather.

Winter camps in the cold months of 1863-4 provided few comforts. Men shivered in their well-worn clothing, lined up out of doors (once a day) for dwindling food rations, supplies were delivered slowly by mule and covered wagon (often having been attacked by bushwhackers along the way), shoes again fell apart and needed replacement by ingenuity, scavenging and hunting.

November 6, 1863. The Battle of Droop Mountain, Pocahontas Co, WV, saw many West Virginians fighting on opposing sides. Union General William A. Averell (3,500 men) attacked Confederate General John Echols (1,700), who retreated through Lewisburg to Virginia.

November 9, 1863. Lincoln attended the theater, where -- ironically -- John Wilkes Booth was starring in The Marble Heart.

November 19, 1863. Lincoln, coming down with smallpox, delivered his Gettysburg Address. It, though only 10 sentences in length, remains one of the most moving and exquisite utterances in the English language.

November 23-5, 1863. General Grant dealt the Southern Cause a staggering blow with his decisive victory over Confederate General Braxton Bragg at the Battle of Chattanooga, TN. Grant lost 5,800 men, while Bragg lost 6,700. Bragg immediately resigned command of the Confederate Army of Tennessee.

November 26, 1863. Co. B 15th WV packed gear and marched through heavy rains (a long, shivering, 40<sup>o</sup> soaking) back up the Potomac to Alpine, WV, directly across the

John Theodore Schiefer

river from Hancock, MD. Once again they were to guard the B & O Railroad. Their winter quarters were slightly better at Alpine, consisting of large split-log barracks, chinked with mud and warmed by huge fireplace fires. Still, firewood was a constant real necessity, as was food and the need for makeshift shoes. 15th WV was now a part of the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, Department of West Virginia.

December 24, 1863. Co. B 15th WV received new clothing "head to foot." The superior manpower and material sources of the North had begun to tell. Most Southern soldiers were shoeless, coatless and threadbare, as well as hungry. Confederates made raids to capture weapons, ammunition and food supplies.

In fact, at this point, all signs pointed to a victory for the Union in early 1864. Northern resources seemed endless, while those of the South were fast giving out. Southern armies had dwindled in size because of battle losses, war weariness, desertion and Northern occupation of large areas of the Confederacy. Southern railroads had almost stopped running and supplies were desperately short. But the South, still capable of tough resistance, battled the North for 16 more months before finally surrendering.

John Theodore Schiefer counted himself among those of good fortune, and as 1863 drew to a close he expected to be back home soon with Amanda and the children. Co. B 15th WV's battle only seemed to be against loneliness, tedium and the snow and sleet that pelted them as they stood guard over the B & O tracks and bridges.

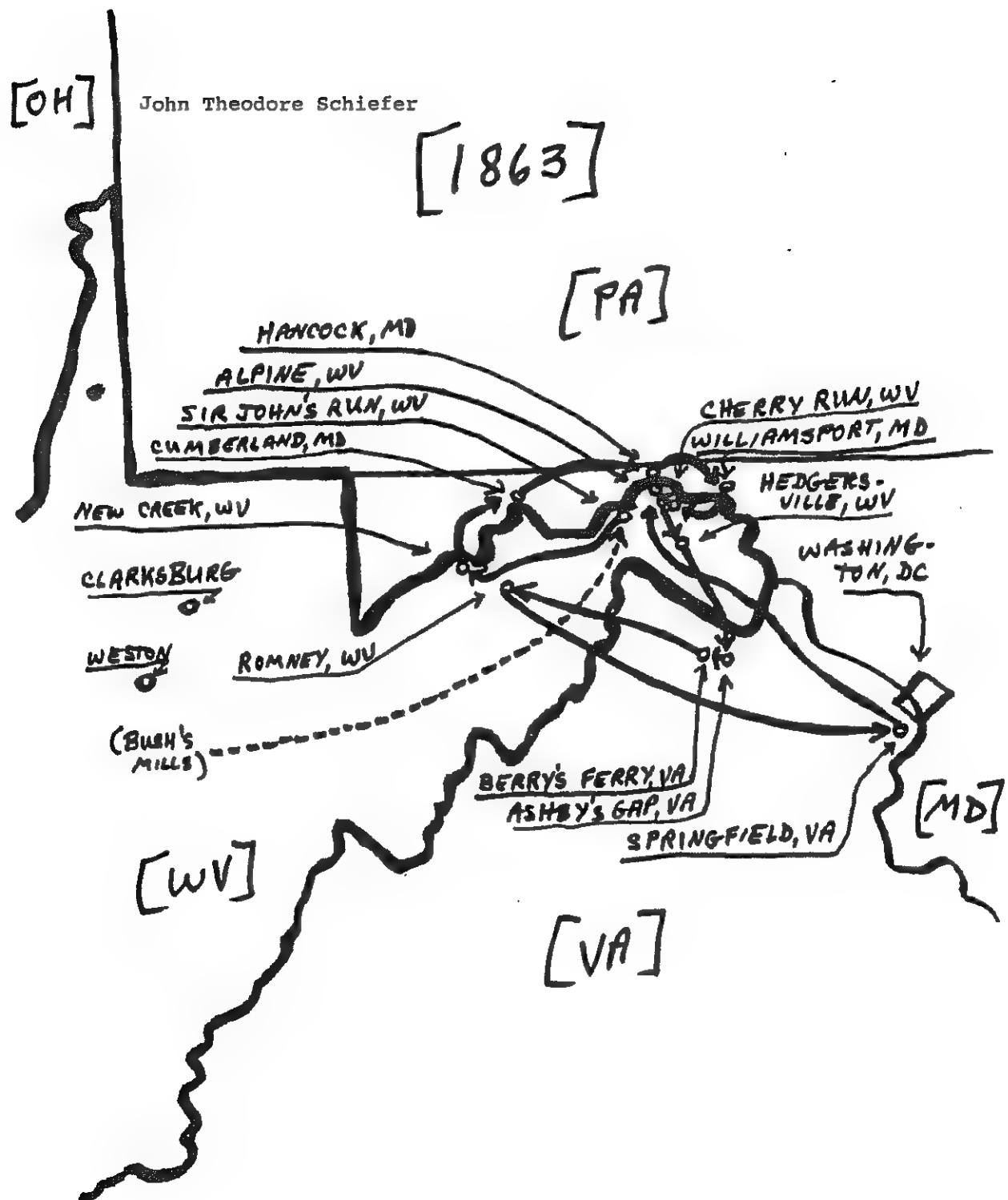
The following page will be a map showing the itinerary of John Theodore Schiefer and Co. B 15th WV during the year 1863.

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IN SEARCH OF GREAT-GRANDMA VIC

It was the new year, the winter of 1989, and I had made it my goal for the year to gather all the family information I had and put it in a booklet, something I had planned to do ever since the Christlieb, Chrislip, Crislip Family Association began. First, I wrote several letters to family members asking for updates on their immediate families, then I began sorting through the old Bible, drawers, and boxes where I had stored "valuable" information.

One of the first letters I received was from my cousin Jeanette Guscott of Canton, Ohio, who suggested I fly from Illinois to Canton and drive down with her to the July C C C Reunion in West Virginia. I was delighted and immediately started organizing all the information I had to help us find the final resting place of our great-grandmother. Together we could search for Grandma Vic, other relatives had tried, unsuccessfully. (Jeanette's father, Marvin, and my father, Paul Brake, were the sons of Alice E. Crislip Brake whose father was Alvin D.Crislip, husband of Grandma Vic.)

Alvin had been in the 10th West Virginia Infantry, Co. H for 2 years during the Civil War. After marching in the rain with a high temperature from the measles, he became too ill to go on and was sent home where resultant ill health took his life at age 25. He left Sarah, age 3, Alice, age 1 and Grandma, Mary Victoria Anderson Crislip, known by those close to her as Vic.

Grandma remarried a man by the name of McClain, and had 5 more children, Artha Maud, Ira A.Rhodes, Leslie Wade, and twins, Martha Victoria and Mary Virginia. She also raised a granddaughter, Madge Albertie, the daughter of Martha, who died February 14, 1910.

Grandma had a lot of spunk and thought nothing of packing up and leaving her home in Lewis County, West Va. and taking a train across country to visit with her children, several of whom had moved to Ohio. These included my grandparents, Hamilton Jackson

and Alice Crislip Brake. I'm told she would stay a month with each of her children. While visiting at the home of her son, Ira McClain near Ashtabula, Ohio, she caught pneumonia and died there in 1919. She was taken back home to West Va. to rest beside her soldier husband, Alvin Crislip in the Anderson family cemetery, on the hill above the family home. However, we 2 cousins did not know the name or address of this cemetery; we had only a photo taken in the 1930's or 1940's when it was then clearly visible from the road.

From an old postcard I learned that she had lived in Hettie, W. Va. in Braxton County and I suspected that she was buried somewhere near there. Then I thought of Madge, who lives in Laurel, Maryland, near my home town of Cambridge. Madge was still up when I called that night, and we talked for a long time. She was able to answer many questions about the family and did remember that Grandma was buried in the Anderson family cemetery near Walkersville. Well, that's not too far from Hettie, I concluded.

Also, I talked to Marjorie Herring several times the week before the C C C Reunion to gather some last minute information. The night before I was to leave she called to say she had located information from my Aunt Lillian Brake Moore that Grandma was buried at Sugar Creek Cemetery near Walkersville, and that Alvin was buried there, too. Now, to find it!!!

We left Canton at 9 a.m., Friday, July 7, 1989 and headed towards W. Va., arriving in Weston around 2:30 p.m. We found the courthouse where we located the records of the births of 3 of our fathers' siblings. We noticed that our grandparents had lived in the area called Sugar Camp near Walkersville. We inquired about a Sugar Creek Cemetery, but, no one had heard of it. However, the clerk did know of a man who knew about most of the cemeteries in Lewis County and gave us his phone number. Off to the pay phone we went.

Clive West was at home when I called. He had not heard of a Sugar Creek Cemetery and thought I may have it mixed up with Sugar Camp. However, he did know of a cemetery on Leatherbark Run near Walkersville that he called The Anderson Cemetery. We gave him the names we were looking for and made arrangements to call him the first thing in the morning. After stopping at the Chamber of Commerce for a Lewis County map we headed for Buckhannon where we joined the C C C gathering at the park for supper.

It was shortly after 8 a.m. Saturday morning when we called Mr. West and soon learned from his records that Mary Victoria and Alvin Crislip were indeed buried in the Anderson Cemetery. We learned he had also done some research on the Brake family, so we promised to stop and see him later in the day.

We drove south out of Buckhannon on Route # 4 to Route #19. Approximately 1½ miles north on Route #19 we found Leatherbark Run. The single lane road was covered with cinder rocks for several hundred feet and then became a dirt path back into the hills. We couldn't help but wonder what we would have done if we had met someone coming the other way. Certainly THEY would have to back up!! A short time later we came to a sign that read HULL'S ACRES....NO HUNTING.. NO TRESPASSING. We continued on determined to find that cemetery..We soon came to a fork in the road and bearing right we decided to stop at the first farm and inquire. A large dog greeted us and though he seemed friendly enough I decided to stay in the car and wait to see if someone would come out of the trailer. Shortly, a woman appeared and assured us that the dog was friendly. We told our story and she began to point farther up the road to several areas where we could locate headstones. I repeated that Andersons had been buried in the cemetery and that the cemetery was on a hill. I went to the car to find the old picture taken at least fifty years ago. After seeing the photo she told us we were on the old Anderson property and that she had been told there was a cemetery just over the meadow and up the hill in a large group of trees, but it was in very bad shape with many broken stones. After asking permission,

we went through the gate and started across the nicely mowed meadow with the dog following close behind.

The West Virginia hills were beautiful, so green and lush from the frequent rains. The sun was already growing hot as it beamed down on the pink clover covered hill swarming with bumblebees. As we drew closer to the top of the hill we could see a few stones among the trees behind the barbed wire fence that surrounded the cemetery. Out of breath we stood and gazed at the thicket that covered the generations before us.

I had come this far, I wasn't going to leave without pictures of those stones. I had to have proof. Bravely, I climbed the fence and stepped down into a grassless area where a deer had gone before me. With my feet I began to part the 3 foot high grass to make my way towards the larger tombstones in the center. As I read the names off, my cousin, Jeanette, who stayed on the other side of the fence, recorded them. Finally, nearing a large grey stone I had seen from the fence, located towards the front of the cemetery, I crawled under a tree branch and around in front of the stone. It read McClain, Mary V., wife of H.R. McClain..we had found Grandma. Beside her, to the left, was a headstone that had fallen over. After rubbing talcum powder over the letters I was able to read Hazel R. McClain. Could Hazel have been a man and the 2nd husband of Grandma? \* Going around to the right side of the stone I looked down to find the remains of a steer and was tempted to leave the area, but my curiosity held me there. The top of the stone next to Grandma had fallen over and I could only see the base. As I got closer I could see the top lying on its side. It was about 9 inches wide and 2½ feet high. I was unable to budge the stone but could feel letters, so I covered it with powder and as I rubbed over the letters the name Alvin D. Crislip appeared...Great-Grandpa!!!

\*Indeed later we found Hazel R. McClain was the name of Grandma's second husband.

With my zoom lens, I took my pictures, but, after finding a snake skin, I decided to quickly retrace my steps and get out of there...I would get the rest of the information from Mr. West. Cousin Jeanette and I stood at the top of the hill for several minutes afterwards to get the feel of the surrounding area where our grandmothers and grandfathers were born, had played, worked, died and were buried.

We started down the hillside and across the meadow to where Agnes Hull was waiting. She shared our joy that we had found Great-Grandma.....and Great-Grandpa, too!

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### BIRTHDATE TO TOMBSTONE

How many times have you gone to a cemetery and found the stone of your ancestor which reads, John Jones, died 28 July 1889, age 47 years, 5 months, and 11 days. Below are some formulas which you can use to determine the birthdate using the information provided.

Placing the years, months and days in separate columns as in the example it is simple arithmetic.

	year	month	day
death	1889	7	28
age	-47	- 5	- 11
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	42	2	17

birthdate, 17 February 1842

In those cases where borrowing is required one must borrow 12 months from the year column. When borrowing from the month column one must borrow 28, 29, 30 or 31 days depending on the the number of days in the preceding month. Let's suppose John had died 3 March 1889. The following calculations would be required.

	year	month	day
death	1889 - 1 = 1888	3 + 12 = 15 - 1 = 14	3 + 31 = 34
age	-47	-5	-11
	----	---	---
	1841	9	23

birthdate, 23 September 1841

Because we have no way of knowing the method of calculating the information on the tombstone, the dates obtained by these calculations may vary a few days from known birthdates.

FAIRVIEW SCHOOL  
HACKER'S CREEK, LEWIS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA  
by MAURICE L. ALLMAN (former pupil)

Fairview School was located along state road No. 7, across the road from the then Methodist Protestant Church which still stands.

The school was on land leased from Guy Alkire, a farmer, who lived across Hacker's Creek from the school. A house is now located where the Fairview School once stood.

Its structure was of typical design of the one room schools then and similar to the ones located near Hacker's Creek on Buckhannon Run and Jesses Run.

A Burnside "pot bellied" coal stove sat in the center of the room where, when fired up, one roasted if seated nearby, but froze if you sat in the back corner during cold, windy winter days. However, the teacher would permit moving either away from or nearer the stove as needed. During winter months we placed our lunch pails near the stove and at lunch time our sandwiches were hot. Sometimes the lunch pail was too hot to hold, so we would move the pail by shoving it on the floor with our feet to our seat.

Our drinking water came from a well near the church. It was always a treat to go to the well and hand pump the water in a bucket. Somehow or other it always took a little longer than necessary to "fetch" the water.

Local trustees maintained the school and two outdoor toilets. I remember one trustee whose name was Ed Morrison. His two sons, Paul and Ross, attended Fairview when I did.

We had pupils in all eight grades. If you were alert and listened, you could get a head start by observing the various upper classes. The teachers were interesting and the pupils usually had paperwork to hand in, go to the blackboard and do arithmetic, diagram sentences, recite a poem, or participate in spelling bees.

Some of the teachers at Fairview were: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bargerhoof, Goff Boram, Arnold Gould, Carlton McWhorter, and Ava Gregory.

Fairview School was attended by several of the early families which included: Swishers, Suttons, Paughs, Morrisons, Lawsons, Lawrences, Bonnetts, Allmans, Henlines, Heveners, Cronins, Battons, Jacksons, and Wilsons.

The Fairview School was active. School plays were presented to parents and community neighbors. We took spring hikes to the nearby hills to pick early spring flowers. We walked up Millstone Run to "Johnny Cake" and back in one afternoon. Johnny Cake was an aged "punched mine" hole in the hillside where hand dug coal was mined by some hearty and hardy families. A Sutton family owned the area at that time (circa 1929).

At Christmas time, when I was about 5, the teacher planned and conducted an evening Christmas program with a very tall cedar tree which was decorated with "old

fashioned" items. The school was jammed full with school families. Santa Claus gave us presents.

But the one thing which has impressed me most about that fun filled evening was the energy my father exhibited. The weather was very cold, with at least 8 inches of snow, and we had mud roads from near our home to Berlin. Dad had taught school all day; he came home, fed 30 head of cattle, milked four cows, "clopped" four hogs, fed 100 chickens and gathered the eggs, operated our electric generator for lights and carried in coal for two fireplaces.

After supper, he harnessed "Old Rex", hitched him to the buggy, loaded mother, my two sisters, Elenore and Miriam, and me in the buggy, (mother had heated several bricks to place at our feet) then covered us with heavy blankets.

Then with a lantern, hand led Rex as he pulled the buggy from our home in mud ruts almost axle deep in places to the Fairview School, a distance of about 3/4 mile, and parked us by tying Rex to the church fence and covered him with a blanket.

Dad carried Miriam to the school while the rest of us stepped over ruts. (The concrete highway came along circa 1928.) After the Christmas program, Dad had to reverse the dark muddy walk with Rex, buggy, and family, unload us, unharness Rex and feed him then get to the house to "bank" the fireplaces, get to bed and get up early the next morning to teach the next day. This surely demonstrates one example of inherited hardiness.

I started with my late sister, Miriam, in 1930, at Fairview. I was eight going on nine and Miriam was 19 months younger. However, we were about the same height. She was chubby and I was skinny and short for my age. We, my oldest sister, Elenore L. Allman Wiseman, Miriam and I attended the school until it closed in the spring of 1935. Elenore graduated at Fairview and started as a freshman in 1933, at Jane Lew High School and graduated in 1937. Our father, John Isaac Allamn, was a teacher and principal at the Jane Lew High School.

Miriam and I attended grades one through five at Fairview, then were transferred to Berlin for our 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.



**ELIZABETH**

Elizabeth Brake was born on the 22nd of Feb, in 1757, in Hampshire Co, now Hardy Co., (W) Va.. She was to be the last child of Jacob Brake and his wife, " Miss" Nyeswanan Brake. For, a year later in 1758, the pregnant Mrs. Brake was tomahawked and scalped and their 11 year old son, Jacob, was taken captive in a raid by the Shawnee Indians on their South Branch home, 15 miles south of Moorefield, (W) Va.

When Mrs. Brake became aware of the raid she threw the smaller children in the thicket and warned them not to cry. One has to wonder how a frightened child as young as Elizabeth was kept quiet. Perhaps she was not even there, but was at the fort where many lived during the peak of the Indian raids, one can only speculate. Nevertheless, Elizabeth grew to maturity and was to become the wife of Col. George Jackson.

George, at the age of twelve, had left the South Branch where he had grown up, with his parents, John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson and his brother Edward, to pioneer new lands west of the Alleghanies. His mother became the owner of the land that was to become the town of Buckhannon, (W) Va., purchasing it with gold English guineas, an inheritance she received from an Aunt before leaving her English homeland.

George, with thoughts of marrying Elizabeth, returned to the South Branch in the fall of 1776. The crops had been harvested and the threat of indian attacks was over for the winter. It was safe to bring his bride to the new frontier. They were married on November 13th of that year. Elizabeth was 20 years old.

Elizabeth's father was a wealthy man and her life had been a comfortable one but that did not stop her from becoming a pioneer's wife. She had heard all the stories the settlers had brought with them when they returned to visit. She knew all too well, about her mother's heroic battle with the indians a few weeks before her death, how she had saved her family by killing several indians who tried to enter their home through an opening in the house. The indians retreated, only to return later to kill and scalp Mrs. Brake and take her son Jacob captive.

Life of a pioneer woman was not an easy one. It was a man's world. They managed the affairs of government and were the hunters and protectors. The women worked. The days were long, almost never ending. Outside, gardens needed to be planted and worked and the animals feed, cows milked, and eggs gathered. Inside the home there was the spinning and weaving of fabric for clothing and bedding, the washing, all done by hand on scrub boards, bread and food to prepare, candles and soap to make and the tedious labor of scrubbing the bare wood floors too keep them fresh.

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Large families were needed to help with these chores so the pioneer woman had one child after another during the child-bearing years, adding, the raising and educating of the children to her many duties. Nurses and midwives were few on the frontier and, often, in the middle of the night her horse would be saddled and she would ride off in the darkness to attend at the bedside of a friend or neighbor. She had few rights, owned just a Dower right to property she helped to acquire.. but...she knew she would have the love and respect of her man and family as long as she did not interfere with their authority.

Elizabeth took her place among the pioneer women of her day. They journeyed by horseback to the new cabin George had built earlier that fall. They were there but a couple of months when the threats of indian attacks began and they were forced to take up residence in the fort. They left their cosy home for Bushs' Fort, which is believed to have been built very near to what is now the Heavner Cemetery in Buckhannon, WV. Inside the fort, the Jacksons would have a room of their own in one of the cabins that were built side by side in order to make a solid inside wall to the fort.

A cellar made and lined with cobblestones and filled with cool water from the well provided a place to keep the milk and butter protected from the day's heat. The cooking was done on the 2 large hearths within the walls of the fort.

In June of 1777, known as the "bloody year of the 3 sevens" the Indians were employed by London to harass the settlers. Settlers risked their lives to plant their crops, some stood guard with rifles while others planted. It was on September 22nd of that year, probably with the assistance of her mother-in-law, Elizabeth Cummins Jackson that Elizabeth gave birth to her first child, John George.

Two more children were born to George and Elizabeth before 1782 when they decided to move to Clarksburg. Shortly after they left Buckhannon the Indians raided and burned the fort. They also burned George's mills which stood a short distance from the fort. It was never rebuilt.

George bought property in Clarksburg on Elk Creek, now at the foot of main street, but he did not remain there. He took the family back to Buckhannon, determined to make this their permanent home. They lived in the stone house that his father, John had built. It was situated 1 mile east of the Upshur Co. Courthouse on the neck of the loop of the Buckhannon River. The first court of Harrison County was held in this house signifying the beginning of Georges' political career.

In 1790, the elder Jacksons, John and Elizabeth, encouraged by George removed to Clarksburg. George continued to persue his career in politics while Elizabeth made the home and raised the children and tended the ordinary George had established. She bore eleven children by the year 1800. All lived to maturity with the exception of her last child, Thomas Jefferson, who was born on April 15, 1800, and died 8 months later.

In 1807, George moved his family from WV to Ohio. He had been given many acres of land by the government for his services in the Revolutionary War. Here he built a new mill and his home. The town of Zanesville, Ohio was built on some of this land.

Five years after their move to Ohio, on March 22, 1812, Elizabeth died. She is buried high on a hill on what may well have been their country home. A very large boulder marks the graves of George and Elizabeth. Though badly worn, the following could be read from the stone.

COL. GEORGE JACKSON  
OF VA  
\_\_\_\_ 1757-----5.17.1831  
\_\_\_\_ ENLISTED IN MILITIA  
UND \_\_\_\_ APT. JACK LEWIS AS RANGER  
\_\_\_\_ GEO. ROGERS CLARK  
\_\_\_\_ IN NW TER. CAMPAIGNS  
\_\_\_\_ COM. COL 1782  
SERVED THROUGH REV. WAR  
ELIZ \_\_\_\_ TH VON BRAKE  
\_\_\_\_ HIS WIFE  
\_\_\_\_ 57--3.22.1812

The gravesite, located on the Old Snyder Farm on route #146, now called "Happy Hollow" was in need of care. The grass was taller than the hugh stone which was covered with poison ivy. It was impossible to tell if there were other graves there. We were told, however, that George was buried between his two wives, so perhaps there is another marker nearby.

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September 1990

sources:

copy of a manuscript written by Col. Jackson Arnold, reproduced in November of 1956

E. L. Judy, History of Grant and Hardy Counties, Charleston, WV: Charleston Printing Co., 1951

Davis, Dorothy, John George Jackson, McClain Printing Company, Parsons West Virginia, 1976



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SOME VIRGINIANS IN OHIO  
Submitted by Lolita Guthrie

Ref: HISTORY OF GREEN CO., OH; Robinson, 1902  
Cemetery inscriptions of early settlers of Greene Countians (Ohio)  
buried in Clark County, OH, as published in "Clark County Kin",  
newsletter of Clark County Chapter, OGS. Names listed here may have  
come from (W) Virginia since many early settlers of Greene County came  
from the mountain state.

Bozarth, Thomas: War of 1812, Samuel Herrod, Capt; buried Bloxsom  
graveyard. From Ross twp.

Boxarth, Joshua; War of 1812; Died 1869, buried Bloxsom graveyard.  
From Ross twp.

Boxarth, John; War of 1812; died 17 Jun 1858, buried in Bloxsom  
graveyard. From Ross twp.

Butcher, Joseph; War of 1812. From Virginia; died 18 Oct 1865 aged 84  
years; buried in Bloxsom graveyard.

Davis, Samuel; War of 1812, Wm. Stephenson, Capt; died 1845, aged 70  
yrs., buried in Spagler graveyard, Clark Co., Ohio.

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LIVESTOCK BRANDS OF EARLY SETTLERS  
Submitted by Dennis Rodgers

Ref: Harrison County, (W)V, Minute Book 1784 - 1792. Page 252,  
recorded August 1787.

"On the motion of John Simms ordered that his Brand J.S. on the near  
Buttock Ear Mark a Slit through the middle of Each Ear and the same to  
be Recorded.

"On the motion of Thomas Cheney Ordered that his Brand be T.C,. on the  
near Shoulder Ear Mark a Crop off the left Ear and Under bit and a  
Slit in the right Ear and the same to be recorded.

"On the motion of John Hacker Ordered that his brand J.H. on the near  
Shoulder. Ear Mark half crop on the uper side of Each Ear and the  
same to be Recorded.

"On the motion of John Haymond Ordered that his Brand be J.H. on the  
near Buttock Ear mark two slits in the Right Ear and one slit in the  
left Ear and the same to be Recorded.

"On the Motion of Alexander West Ordered that his Brand be A.W. on the near Shoulder, Ear Mark a Crop in the right ear and under bit and over bit in the same the left Ear a slit and underbit and the same to be Recorded.

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#### JOHN KELLEY EXEMPT FROM TAX

Ref: Harrison County Minute Book 1784 - 1792, p. 252 dated August 1787.

"Ordered that John Kelley be Exempted from Personal Taxes and working on the High Way occasioned by Infirmary."

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#### MONONGALIA vs MONONGAHELA

Monongalia refers to a county in West Virginia; Monongahela is a river in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Earl Core in THE MONONGALIA STORY, A BICENTENNIAL HISTORY, Part 1 Prelude, (McClain Printing Co., Parsons, 1974), pp 2-3, explains some of the confusion over these two spellings:

"A resume reveals many different translations, spellings, and pronunciations of this name of Indian origin. Hamill Kenny summarizes them very well: A Trader's Map dated 1752 spells it Mohunghala. A Map of the ... Colony of Virginia, in 1754, has it Mononguhela. Lewis Evans's Map, 1755, has Monaungahela. Lewis Evans's Map with Pownall's additions in 1776, spells it Monaungahela. A map annotated by George Washington in 1780 has simply Monaung. Most of the land grants in the Monongalia County Courthouse, dated 1779-1781, spell it Monongalia.

"McWhorter says the word is a Seneca Indian name and means 'River of Curling Waters.' Beauchamp gives the Delaware Indian name as Mehmannaunringgehlau, translated as 'Many Landslides.' Heckewelder says Monongahela is a corruption of Menaungehilla, meaning 'High banks or bluffs, breaking off and falling down at places.' Lewis says it is a contraction of the Delaware Meh-non-au-ge-hel-al. The Ohio Company's instructions, July 16, 1751, to Christopher Gist, spell it Mo-hon-gey-e-la but Gist himself spells it Mo-hon-ga-ly.

"At this date (1974) it is useless to speculate as to how this name (or any other name of Indian origin) should be spelled. To say that Monongalia (for the county) is a misspelling of Monongahela (the name of the river) is hardly correct. It would be better to say both are attempts to spell the original Indian name; and the Indians, of course, did not spell."

## BITS AND PIECES

EDITOR'S NOTE: During the past several years, an HCPD member in the west has been sending "bits and pieces" of information that appears pertinent to the membership either because of name or locality. In most cases, only the title and author (compiler) of book is listed with not publisher's information. The information is presented here in the hope that it will help someone.

Ref: BIOGRAPHICAL AND PORTRAIT CYCLOPEDIA OF FAYETTE CO., PA., by Samuel T. Wiley (citizen of the county), printed 1889, Chicago.

p. 543. John A. Cox, b 22 Jan 1835 at Morgantown, VA. (now W. Va.), s/o LKevi and Mary (Myers) Cox. Levi Cox, b 1801 in Delaware, removed to VA in 1812, m. Mary Meyers of near Grandville, Monongalia Co., Va., who d 1845 near Morgantown. John A. Cox grew up in Virginia, followed coal mining for 10 years. Enlisted in Co A., 3rd W. Va. Infantry, the regiment was afterwards mounted and called the 6th W. Va. Cavalry. Served over 3 years. In 1889, he started a store at Mill Run, which has had great success. John A. Cox m. Julia Ann Collins, 28 Dec 1864, by Rev. George Westfall of the Methodist Church, a daughter of William Collins of Prideville Iron Works near Morgantown. They had nine children: Frank, b 13 Oct 1865, Washington Co., Pa; Eliza, b 7 Jun 1870, Fillmore Co9., MIN; Orlina, b 1 Jul 1872, Fayette Co., Pa; John A., Jr., b 27 May 1874, Fayette Co., Pa; Leender, b 5 Jun 1875 near Broad-Ford, Fayette Co., PA; Filemore, b 16 Nov 1876, Fayette Co., Pa; Signal, b 10 Mar 1878, Fayette Co., Pa; Ada, b 6 Jul 1880, Fayette Co.; and Jannette, b 26 Aug 1883 at Mill Run.

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Harvey Coburn, a citizen of Fayette Co., PA, and soldier of Civil War, s/o Captain James Coburn and Sarah (Moody) Coburn. James Coburn, s/o Jonathan Coburn, served in the War of 1812; Sarah Moody was d/o Robert Moody of Harrison Co., W. Va.

The Coburn/Cobun family came to what is now Masontown, Preston Co., WV, ca 1790.

Harvey Coburn, b 19 Aug 1823, was educated in (W)VA, clerked in his father's store at Fairfield, Harrison Co., VA, and later moved to Fayette Co., PA and engaged in farming. On 1 Oct 1850 he married Susan Jeffries, b 26 Jun 1822, d/o Nathan Jeffries. Six children, 4 living, were born of the marriage: Mary, b 22 Apr 1852, m. William G. Freeman; Sarah E., b 24 Sep 1854, was a teacher; Millard F., b 22 Sep 1856; and Samuel H., b 27 Dec 1862.

Editor's Note: See THE MONONGALIA STORY, Part 1, by Earl L. Core, McClain Publishing Co., Parsons, WV, for early history of Coburn (Cobun) family.

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p. 193, Sketch of John N. Lewellen, s/o William G. and Mary (Norris) Lewellen, natives of Monongalia Co., WV. John N., b 8 Mar 1837, m.

Mary Ellen Bradley of Masontown, d/o James Bradley.

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p. 187, Elizabeth D. McCleary m. Matthew G. Holmes, a member of the W. Va. legislature and owns a large mercantile store in Clarksburg, WV. A sketch of the McCleary family.

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p. 415, Isaac and Sarah (Victor) Blaney of Monongalia County, WV.

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Recommend EARLY RECORDS OF HAMPSHIRE COUNTY, VA by Sage and Jones for central West Virginia researchers. Mentions many families who crossed Alleghenies to early Monongalia and Harrison counties, VA.

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Researcher's Note: Thought you might be interested in this Swisher line from OHIO SOURCE RECORDS by The Ohio Genealogical Society.

p. 485 - Captain Abraham Swisher (d 12 Nov 1828, ae 87 years) and wife Hannah Christine sold land they owned in Knowlton twp, Sussex Co., NJ in 1811. Purchased land in Harrison twp, Pickaway Co, OH. Children: John, Abraham, Phillip and Abigail.

Graves of New Jersey pioneers who settled in Ohio: John and Mary (Peterson) Swisher, Hendrew graveyard, Madison twp, Franklin Co., OH; Abraham (d ca 21 Oct 1856) and Margaret Swisher, Truro Cemetery, Franklin Co, OH; Phillip Swisher and wife Mahala, Harrison twp, Pickaway Co, OH.

Children of John and Mary (Peterson) Swisher:

1. Jacob, b 5 Jul 1803, Knowlton twp, Sussex Co, NJ; d 1 Dec 1890; m (1) Eliza Scothorn (no children) 10 Mar 1836 and (2) Snah Needles, b 21 Apr 1811 and d 29 Sep 1862.
2. Fredrick Swisher, b 1 May 1807, Franklin Co, OH and on 8 Mar 1832 m Lydia Landes who was b 29 Jun 1811.
3. Thomas Swisher - said to have lived in Marion Co, OH
4. William Swisher - said to have "gone West" as did his brother John Jr.
5. John Swisher Jr., b 3 Apr 1815, d 25 Sep 1872 in Montgomery Co, IL.
6. Famah Swisher, b 13 May 1809, d 17 Aug 1898, m Absolom Peters.
7. Maria Swisher m 5 Mar 1829 Michael Plum
8. Phebe Swisher m 13 Oc 1838 William Hoover in Crawford Co, OH.



p. 331 - A will in Franklin Co., OH, of Abrahm Swisher of Madison twp, signed 27 Sep 1850 and proven 21 Oct 1856, mentions wife Margaret Swisher (the land given to Jesse Patterson by his father, William Patterson), son John, oldest daughter Catherine (Swisher) Vesey (land in Truro twp, formerly owned by an old man, Frederick Sprague), and youngest daughter, Margaret Forsman, and grandchildren Margaret, Mary and John Forsman. Executor: Son John Swisher, proven by John Swisher and Daniel Caslow.

p. 360 - Swisher Cemetery inscriptions located on Swisher farm, Licking Co, OH:

Phillip Swisher, d 21 Apr 1851, ae 34 years

Phillip Swisher, d 4 Nov 1859, ae 83 y, 7m, and 26 days

Catherine Swisher, d 1 Apr 1877, ae 74y, 8m and 8 dys, w/o Phillip

(A son, J., (post office Summit), born in Hardy Co, VA, 1808. Came to Licking Co, OH in 1827. J. married Dorothy, d/o John and Dorothy Howser in 1833.)

Jacob Wagy, d 1 Apr 1892, ae 90 y, 4m, 13 days

(Jacob Wagy and Catherine Swisher were m 1 Jan 1829 by Rev. Geo. Callahan, Newark, OH)

John Wagy, d 10 May 1886, ae 42y, 2m, 20 days

Lucinda Wagy, w/o John, d 19 May 1889, ae 50 y, 2m, 5 days

Margaret Swisher, w/o Phillip, d 27 Aug 1849, ae 72 y.

p. 416 - In Bible records of Springer, Stedham and Springer found: Jacob Swisher, b 1803, s/o John and Mary Swisher. Jacob's wife Anah Needles (b 1811), d/o Philemon and Sarah (Collins) Needles. Also Frederick Swisher (b 1807) and wife Lydia Landes (b 1811).

p. 433 - A Swisher family Bible owned by Mrs. Jennie Preston, Groveport, OH, found: Jacob Swisher, b 5 Jul 1803, Knowlton twp, Sussex Co, NJ, d 3 Jan 1894, Groveport, Madison twp, Franklin Co, OH; m (1) Elizabeth Scothorn on 4 Mar 1826 and (2) Amah Needles, b 21 Apr 1811, Franklin Co, OH.

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Researcher's Note: Bits and pieces on the Alkire family. Wills recorded in Franklin Co, OH.

WB D, p 12 - Mary Alkire of Columbus, Montgomery twp, signed 21 May 1856, proven 18 Jun 1856. Mentions: 2 sisters, Nancy W. Peate to have my house in Columbus and a note on William Alkire, and Eliza White; brothers, namely, John, William, Joseph, Alexander W., George and James. Wit: John Anderson and John W. Alkire.

Ref: Ohio Source Records by Ohio Genealogical Quarterly: Alkire marriages in Franklin County, OH

5 Jan 1810, Elizabeth Alkire, d/o John who gave consent, to Samuel Powell  
 16 Jan 1831, Elizer Alkire to Jacob White  
 8 Jun 1839, George W. Alkire to Matilda Baltimore  
 28 Nov 1850, George W. Alkire to Rebecca Brant  
 12 Jan 1845, James Alkire to Sarah Goetchires  
 10 Apr 1832, Jesse Alkire to Margaret Coartney  
 19 Apr 1846, Joseph Alkire to Almira Courtney  
 9 Feb 1832, Margaret Alkire to Isaac Dennis  
 9 Oct 1851, Martha J. Alkire to William Elmore  
 9 Jul 1848 Matilda Alkire to William Henderson  
 11 Jan 1848, Nancy Alkire to William Gardener  
 7 Mar 1854 Nancy Alkire to John R. Peat  
 30 Jun 1861, Richard C. Alkire to Amanda Watts  
 20 Jun 1809, Robert Alkire to Elizabeth ( I or Inglis)  
 22 Mar 1858, Robert Alkire to Margaret Hoffman  
 22 Apr 1855, Sarah Alkire to William Nicholas  
 23 Oct 1858, Weeden H. Alkire to Catherine Walrath  
 22 Feb 1849, Joshua Alkire (Allgire) to Lavina M. Eyer. (T.C. Henderson, guardian of Joseph Alkire, gives consent.

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Ref: PIONEER FAMILIES OF MISSOURI by Wm. S., Bryan and Robert Rose.  
 (Many families from Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio.)

p. 159 - St. Charles, MO: Daniel Iman and his wife, whose maiden name was Barbara Alkire, settled in St. Charles Co. 1818. Children: Washington, Adam, Isaac, Daniel, Henry, Solomon, Katy, Mary and Mahala. Adam m (1) Nancy Hancock and (2) Virginia Thornhill. Daniel m (1) Elizabeth Hancock (2) Martha A. McCutcheon and (3) Ann Brittle. Mary m John Urf. Mahalka m. Benjamin F. Hancock. (Some Hancocks were from Madison Co., KY, removed to MO 1838.)

p. 129 - \_\_\_\_\_ Boyd came from Northern Ireland and settled in Virginia at an early date. 1772 he was killed by the Indians leaving a widow and three children. Children: (1) William Boyd was appointed Indian Agent of state of Mississippi. (2) Margaret Boyd m \_\_\_\_\_ Garven, moved to PA, had a large family. In 1822, three sons, Alexander, John and Benjamine Garven, moved to St. Charles Co, MO. (3) John Boyd was quite young when his father was killed; he was raised by a Mr. Gordon of Virginia. (From DAR Patriot Index, p. 77: John Boyd, b 1762, d 15 Oct 1824, m Elizabeth Davis P.S. VA) Nine children to John and Elizabeth (Davis) Boyd: Gordon D. Boyd, M.D., moved to MS, d in 1832 of cholera in New Orleans; Cary A. Boyd m Elizabeth Bailey and settled in Pike Co, MO; William A. Boyd m Elizabeth Poague of KY and moved to St. Charles Co, MO; Margaret E. Boyd m Maj. James G. Bailey (War of 1812); James H. Boyd, Jackson, MS, mercantile business; Mary S. Boyd m Edmond P. Mathews of KY and 1836 went to St. Charles Co, MO; John N., Boyd m Mahaley Hughes, two

children, both died in St. Charles, MO; Amasa P. Boyd died in MS; and Maria Boyd died young.

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Ref: RECORDS OF SOME VIRGINIA MARRIAGES 1607-1800 by Dorothy Ford Wulfeck

Vol. I, p. 24:

Jesse Carpenter m 3 May 1796 Jenny (?) Rite by Rev. John Alderson Jr. (Rockingham or Greenbrier Co. Minister's Returns)

Jeremiah Carpenter m 8 Mar 1785 Elizabeth Hamm by Revb. John Alderson Jr. (Rockingham or Greenbrier Co. Minister's Returns)

Vol. I, p. 62:

John Chenoweth (1755 - 1831) Randolph Co m 1779 Mary Pugh (1762 - 1849)

Vol. I, p. 177:

Hacker m. Thomas Harnsby  
Obedience Hacker m William Cunningham  
William Hacker m 21 May 1738 Ann Dillon  
Ref. Overwharton Parish Reg., Stafford Co, VA  
William Hacker m 1791 Adah West, Harrison Co. Marr. Rec.  
Martha Hacker m Thomas Cotterell 25 May 1709  
Ref. St. Peters (p 411) The Vestry Book and Registry of St. Peters Parish New Kent and James City Co's, VA 1684 - 1786,  
William Cotterell m 2 Feb 1678 Rose Hollyday, Christ Church  
Ref. Middlesex Co, VA (National Society of Colonial Dames of America and State of Virginia, 1897)

Vol. I, p 238:

Samuel Butcher, Lt. in Rev. War, b 1756, VA, d 1847 in Wood Co, (W)V, m Hannah Drake (1751 - 1844), d/o Thomas and Burah (Humphery) Drake

Vol. II, p. 261:

Jacob Straley m 16 Jun 1785 Martha French, d/o Matthew and Sarah

Vol. II, p. 230:

Barbara ( ) Staley m John Keesling as his second wife in Montgomery Co, VA

Catey Staley m George Lawney

JOHN WAGGONER LAND TREASURY WARRANT  
Submitted by Joy Gilchrist

The following deed is filed with some Waggoner/Wagner data in my office. I believe it was sent to me by a gentleman in Preston County and that he obtained it from Monongalia County; I am not certain. I do know that it is on page 127.

James Munroe, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:  
To All to Whom these Presents shall Come, Greeting:

Know Ye, That aby virtue of two land office treasure warrants viz 100 aqres by No> 17826 issued 21st day of July 1783 and 60 acres by exchanged warrant No9. 892 issued the 10th of May 1799 There is granted by the said commonwealth unto John Waggoner a certain tract or parcel of Land containing 160 acres by survey bearing date the 31st day of October 1801 Lying and being in the county of Harrison on the Claylick \_\_\_ advance of Jesse Hughes's line and bounded as followeth: to wit Beginning at a poplar and buch (sic) George Arnolds corner and running thence with three of his lines N 70 W 16 poles to a line S 25 W 210 poles to a white oak W 18 poles to a sugar thence with another of said Waggoner's lines S 15 E 84 poles to a buckeye thence with three lines of Jacob Statzens (probably Statz) N 20 E 76 poles to a hickory N 46 E 76 poles to a sugar S 35 E to a poplar thence by another of said Arnolds lines N 36 E 200 poles to the beginning its appurtenances.

To have and to hold the said Trace or Parcel of Land, with its appurtenances, to the said John Waggoners and his heirs forever IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said James Munroe, Equire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hath herunto set his hand and caused the Lesser Seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed, at Richmond, on the 30th day of August in the year of our Loard on thousand Eight hundred and two and of the Commonwealth the 27th.

James Munroe

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THE KING FAMILY

In Volume V, Issue 4 (Summer 1987), Bileen Kissick of New Castle, IN 47362 was seeking info on desc and parents of John King, b 25 Feb 1831 Harrison Co, (W)V, d 8 Mar 1914 Cox's Mills, WV m. 5 Jan 1856 Weston, Lewis Co, Nancy Williams, b. 279 Apr 834, d 11 Aug 1908, Cox's Mills, WV, and bur. Connely Chapel Cemetery below Alice, WV, in a unmarked grave beside John.

Information from Leonard Davis of Berkley Springs, WV, in the HCPD Library, along with research from a Texas friend and some work by the editor provide part of the answer:

Nancy King, ae 59, b VA, is found in the 1850 Harrison County census, with children Elijah, ae 24; Elizabeth, ae 15; and John, ae 19. All children were born in Virginia. Davis says that Nancy King

was the former Nancy Hurst, d/o William and Margaret (Sims) Hurst; and, according to the marriage records of Harrison County, Nancy married Elijah King 6 Feb 1810 with George Towers officiating. Davis identifies Elijah's father as Cornelius King. Nancy (Hurst) King's death was reported by son William King in Lewis County as occurring 15 Sep 1855 at the age of 62.

William King, the son, appears on the 1870 Lewis County census, ae 58, a farmer. His wife is Sarah, ae 58; others in household are: Sarah, ae 29; Mary Hinzman, ae 27; Francis F, ae 21, a farm laborer; Matilda, ae 11; Sarah E, ae 7; Charles Griggs, ae 8; Nancy J. King, ae 4; and Daniel Hinzman, ae 1.

Another son of Elijah and Nancy (Hurst) King was Cornelius listed as ae 38 on the 1850 Harrison County census. Cornelius married Nancy Ann Straley 12 Jan 1837 in Lewis County. Nancy Ann was born ca 1812, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Bonnett) Straley, granddaughter of Christian and Christina (Lantz) Straley. Their children, according to the census: George, ae 12; Christina, ae 11; Elizabeth, ae 9; Susan, ae 8; Nancy, ae 6; Elijah, ae 5; Mary, ae 2; and Sarah, ae 1.

Further information on George was provided by Davis. George was born 3 Oct 1837 and died 18 Oct 1905; he married Louisa Flesher (4 May 1835 - 13 Oct 1910), daughter of John and Elizabeth (Edmonds) Flesher.

Elijah King, son of Elijah and Nancy (Hurst) King, is on the 1870 Lewis County census, married to Pheby, ae 47, with children William, ae 13, George W., ae 4 and Eli, ae 2/12. Others in the household were Elisabeth Lovel, ae 83; Elisabeth Williams, ae 28; Martha E. Williams, ae 3; and Tilda J. Williams, ae 1.

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#### JOSEPH BENNET(T) OF PENDLETON COUNTY

Will Book 3, page 84, Pendleton County, WV

In the Name of God Amen, I Joseph Bennet of the county of Pendleton being sick and weak in Body, but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, and being desirous to dispose of all such wordly Estate as it hath please God to blefs me with = I give and bequeath the same in manner following that is to say - first, I desire that all my Just debts and funeral expence be paid after my decease -----

Second, After the payment of my debts and funeral expences I give to my wife Hannah Bennet one third part of my Estate Both real and personal for and during the term of her Natural life and after her decease I give the same to my Children herein after mentioned to be divided among them and to be enjoyed by them forever -----

Thirdly, I give to my three youngest sons Namely Jacob, John and Elijah Bennet all the lands I now possess in the county of Pendleton and state of Virginia to be Equally Divided amongst them three to them and their heirs forever also one sorrel colt and rifle gun to my son John to have and to hold forever - likewise to my youngest son Elijah one Dark Bay colt and rifle gun to have and hold to him forever.

Fourthly and all the rest of my personal Estate of what nature or kind Soever it may be not herein Particular Disposed of I desire may be Eaqually (sic) Divided among all my Children Equal share alike ---- and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Hannah Bennet

and Isaac Coberley Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other former wills or testaments by me heretofore made in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal this seventh day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and eight.

Signed, sealed, published and  
Declared as and for the last  
will and testament of the above  
named Joseph Bennet in the  
presence of us

Joseph Bennet (Seal)

Isaac Henkle  
Thomas Bland  
John Dice

At a court held for Pendleton County July 3rd 1810 this last will and testament of Joseph Bennet deceased was presented to court and proved by the oaths of Isaac Henkle and John Dice two of the witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste

L. Dyer, C. P. C.

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Appraisement Bill and Inventory

Joseph Bennet's estate was inventoried and appraised 30 Aug 1810 by Johnson Phares, Henry Bland and George Henkle. It was filed in Pendleton County 4 Sep 1810.

Included were: Pewter and tinware and ladeles; one tea kettle, thirteen coolers and two buckets; two ovens, one skillet, one watering pot, one flat iron, one pot and one box iron; one set fire dogs, two pot trammels, one shovel and tongs and bellows; one pair steelyards and four sifters; one dresser; one pepper mill and tea ware; one corner cupboard; twenty four pounds woollen yarn; two spinning wheels and four spools; two tables; eight chairs; fifteen forks and six knives two boxes; one looking glass; six books; two pieces sole leather and two upper leather; two hackles three boxers shoemakers tools and sundries; five planes, one window sash, and brimstone; three beds and bedsteads; one trunk and chest; one wool wheel and reel, two pair of wood cards; two churns and one basket; seven guns and two tubs; loom and utensils belonging to it; one set smith tools, bucket and cooler; three grind stones and handmill; three kettles and one oven and lid; three churns; three kegs, three barrels and a tub and one can; one bucket and two pickling pots; one spinning wheel and spool; one frying pan; one pot shovel and jointer; carpenters tools of different kinds; two narrow one, one broad, one iron wedge; one saddle and saddle bags, two half bushels, one drawing knife and conch shell; one set of geers and three bridles, one burry comb, two tubs, one grubing hoe, two weeding hoes and one bell; one side saddle; one plough and singletrees and levises two pair plough irons one coal rake and shovel plough, log chain and seld; one waggon and hay lathers; one

iron tooth harrow; ten bee stands; one still and cap and \_\_\_\_\_; stove plate; thirteen still tabs three kegs one barrel; two pigeons one hammer and trowel; apple mill and cider press; one wolf trap; sixteen head of hogs; twenty two geese; eleven head of sheep; one sorrel horse; one black colt with white feet; one brown two year old colt; one bay mare and colt; one old brown horse; three heifers and two steers; two calves with mottled faces; one wind mill; three cows; two pied steers; two pied cows; four heifers two black ones and two red and white ones; two bottles one wheat riddle and one sicklet three baags one gun one pair sheep shears one hundred weight of broke flax two sheep skins one hog skin; and two bells and collars and sundial.

The appraisement totaled \$724.31.

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31 Aug 1810 Joseph Bennet's estate was sold. Those purchasing items, besides his wife, were: John Bennet, Joseph Bennet, George Kelley, Isaac Coberley, George Ketterman, Uriah Shoulders, Leonard Henkle, Thomas McCarty, John Twigler, Samuel Helmick, Elizabeth Hedrick, Absalom Fisher, William Cunningham, George Henkle, Joseph Davis, Henry Blank, Michael Henkle, William Lawrence, Samuel West, Adam Hedrick, Johnson Phares, Hezekiah Daggs, Robert Flanagan, John Bouse, John Dice, and Blijah Phares.

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Joseph Bennet's will, appraisement and inventory, and sale bills were sent to the author by Gene Bennett of Buckhannon.

Joseph's wife, Hannah, has been identified with three maiden surnames: Sleason, Starnes and Ellsworth. No proof for any of these has yet been found.

Eldest child of Joseph and Hannah Bennet(t) was probably Mary E., b 12 Mar 1770. She married William Peterson ca 1796. They moved to Lewis County in 1800. She died in 1833 and is buried at Vandalia.

Eldest son may have been William, b 18 Sep 1775 on the North Fork of the South Branch of the Potomac. His marriage bond to Rebecca McCally is dated 4 Aug 1794, Pendleton County, (W)V. William died 1 Mar 1857 near Walkersville, Lewis County. Rebecca, born 21 Oct 1776, daughter of James and Catherine (Watson) McCally, died 5 Apr 1820 near Walkersville. Both are buried at Longpoint Cemetery, Lewis County.

Children born to William and Rebecca were: Rachel, b 31 Mar 1795, m David Alkire; Phoebe, b 3/23 May 1797, d 3 Jan 1875, m James Keith; David, b 24 Nov 1799, m Jane Stewart; Margaret, b 8 Jul 1801, m Robert McCray; James, b 24 Dec 1802, m Matilda Clark; and Joseph, b 1 Apr 1805, d 1 Dec 1880, m (1) Mary Colmer (2) Elizabeth Loudon, and (3) Sarah Perkins Kincaid; Hannah, b 1 Apr 1805, d 19 Jan 1866, m 1829 John Anderson; Elizabeth, b 20 Feb 1807, d 1872, m James Sprigg; William Jr, b 26 Dec 1808, d 1882, m Jane Rickett; Rebecca, b 1882, m John Fletcher Hold; Abigail Collins, b 3 Jul 1812, m Mathew Holt; and Jonathan McCally, b 4 Oct 1814, d 28 Oct 1887, m Margaret Elizabeth Jackson.

One daughter of Joseph and Hannah Bennet(t) was Sarah, born ca 1780. She married Thomas McCartney in 1796. They moved to Lewis County, date unknown to this writer. She died 25 Mar 1850 and is buried on Glady Fork above Babylon in Lewis County.

Another daughter of Joseph and Hannah was Hannah, born 3 Apr 1788 in Pendleton County. She married Jonathan Daniel Hacker 18/19 Aug 1806 in Randolph County. (This writer saw this marriage bond in the courthouse at Elkins several years ago; however, she failed to get a copy. When she wrote for it, the clerk was unable to locate.)

Jonathan D. Hacker, born 10 Jan 1779 at Bushes Fort (now Buckhannon, WV), son of John and Margaret (Sleeth) Hacker. Jonathan died 14 May 1866/Lewis County; Hannah died 9 Apr 1867/Lewis County. Their daughter, Sarah (Barnett) Hacker, reported both deaths. Burial place unknown but probably at Morrison Cemetery.

Children born to Jonathan and Hannah (Bennett) Hacker were: Margaret, b 21 Apr 1807, m John Hayes; Rebecca, b 23 Sep 1809, d 24 Feb 1827; David S., stillborn 15 Aug 1811; John Turner, b 6 Mar 1812, d 13 Dec 1896, m (1) Sarah Hawakins and (2) Maria Isner; Joseph Bennett, b 27 May 1814, d 6 Oct 1877, m Hannah A. Ball; Sarah, b 15 Aug 1816, d 9 Apr 1896, m Dan'l Barnett; Eckert Monroe, b 12 Mar 1819, d Apr 1878, m Rebecca M. Bennett; Elizabeth, b 24 Feb 1821, m Elkanah Roby Jr.; Jonathan Manley, b 23 Apr 1827, m Margaret Pumphrey; and William P., b 10 Mar 1830, d 25 Apr 1891, m Lucretia Straley.

Of the third youngest son of Joseph and Hannah Bennet(t), John, this writer knows only that he went to Ohio. Jacob, the next to the youngest son, m Rachel Davis. Their marriage bond, dated 1 Dec 1810 in Pendleton County lists Jacob Bennett and William Davis as bondsmen. Jacob and Rachel moved to Leather Bark Run, Lewis County, ca 1800, and later removed to Gilmer County, now W. Va.

Named the youngest son in Joseph's will, Elijah was born 1795, died after 1860. He married Barbara Bible 14 Jan 1818 in Pendleton County. Children born of the union were: Susan, b 1822/24, m. Moses Bennett, s/o Joseph and Phoebe (Cunningham) Bennett; Elizabeth, m Aaron Bennett; Hannah, b 1 Oct 1839, m. John Bennett, s/o Joseph and Phoebe (Cunningham) Bennett; George, b ca 1832, m Catharine Cassell; Henry m Mary Nelson; Barbara m Adonijah Lambert; Sarah, b 1837, m George Burns s/o William and Lydia (Helmick) Burns; Phoebe, m Morgan Raines; Mary m Salem Ketterman.

Jack L. Smith was the youngest brother of Robert B. Smith and William H. Smith and one of the oldest members of the H.C.P.D.. He leaves his wife, Patricia Ann and two sons, Mark David and Matthew Loring Smith and grandchildren. Jack was a regular attendee of our fall gatherings and will be missed by all those who knew him. He was a Protestant and Past Master in the Masonic Lodge.

Robert B. Smith

In Loving Memory of  
JACK L. SMITH

Date of Birth  
DECEMBER 22, 1929

Date of Death  
APRIL 23, 1991

Place and Time of Service  
CLARKSBURG CHAPEL  
SATURDAY, APRIL 27th at 1:00 PM

Clergy  
REVEREND RICHARD WILSON

Interment  
FLORAL HILLS MEMORIAL GARDENS

Arrangements by  
DAVIS FUNERAL HOME  
Richard J. Pence - Robert P. Pence



Aunt Ethel Mitchell, of Roanoke W.Va., kept a scrapbook of obits, marriages, poems and recipes. Here are a couple of obits we thought might be of interest.

J & V Mitchell

#### STALNAKER RITES

Weston, April 12. — (Special) — Funeral services for Mrs. Mary E. Stalnaker, 63, of Jane Lew, who died of a heart attack yesterday in a local hospital, will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Broad Run Baptist church, in charge of the Rev. D. Ralph Dunn, Methodist Episcopal minister, and the Rev. Earl Wimer, former pastor of the Broad Run church, with burial in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Stalnaker was a daughter of Jacob and Caroline Sims Weber and was born December 16, 1871, in Lewis county. Her father was a native of Germany. The family resided at Weston, Buckhannon and Jane Lew.

Surviving relatives include the husband, William A. Stalnaker, Baltimore and Ohio engineer; a brother, Ray Weber, of Weston; a half-brother, Fred G. Weber, of Weston; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Fisher, of the state of Alabama, and Mrs. Hugh O. Stout, of Clarksburg; and four children, as follows: The Misses Grace and Margaret Stalnaker, both at home; William Stalnaker, of Clarksburg, and Eugene Stalnaker, student in Fairmont State Teachers' college.

#### ADA C. SWISHER

Mrs. Ada C. Swisher 59, well known resident of Hacker's Creek and wife of W. D. Swisher died at a Clarksburg hospital at 3 o'clock Friday morning following a complication of troubles. She had been taken to the institution twice for operations and did not recover from the last one. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Fairview Methodist Protestant church near Berlin. The Pastor, The Rev. F. E. Smith, the Rev. Z. B. Bowen, and the Rev. John S. Allfriend conducted the services and interment was made in the Odd Fellow Cemetery.

Mrs. Swisher was born on March 25, 1876, a daughter of William M. and Emma Virginia Meeks Watson, on Sand Fork Lewis County. She married W. D. Swisher at Vandalia on September 20, 1898. Mrs. Swisher was an active member of the Methodist Protestant church.

Surviving are the husband, the following sons and daughters, Elizabeth M. Swisher at home, Mrs. Virginia Worley and Mrs. Mayme Jordan of Weston; Sarah K. Swisher, Margaret S. Swisher and Lora Swisher at home; Thorn D., Watson M., Boyd R., and W. Ford Swisher of Weston and Yale Swisher, somewhere in the West; brothers, J. Roy Watson of Weston, Cecil R. Watson of Lost Creek; Guy R. Watson and Clem O. Watson both of Roanoke; sisters, Mrs. Blanche Schwenck of the state of Illinois, Mrs. Georgia Dunlap of West Union, Mrs. Eulah Marple of Walkersville and Mrs. Rattie Dunlap of Roanoke.

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#### THE FAMILY TRUNK

Submitted by James and Vicki Mitchell

Like many families of days gone by, ours kept treasured items in an old trunk. Our family home was torn down to make way for the new Stonewall Jackson Dam and the trunk was passed to us. In it we found these old agreements, complete with original signatures. Some even had tax stamps. We thought they might be of interest.

I have transcribed the original documents and photocopies of the original signatures are at the end of each document.

John Godfrey & wife

with agreement

William Godfrey  
1865, Aug. 9th  
Recorded in deed book  
No. 2 Page 147  
Exd  
tax and fee paid

Agreement between John Godfrey and Jane Godfrey his wife of the county of Lewis and state of Virginia of the first part, and William J. Godfrey of the county and state aforesaid of the other part witnesseth; that whereas the said John and Jane Godfrey are now old and not able to do much and whereas the said John and Jane have a tract of land lying in the Westfork River in said county now occupied by the said John and Jane Godfrey and the said William Godfrey their son being willing to live in said farm and cultivate same when this condition that he the said William Godfrey will furnish the said John and Jane Godfrey or the survivor of them with comfortable cloths, and provisions that is comfortable support and let them the said John and Jane or the survivor occupy & buying the said Farm with its appurtenances then to belonging during their lives the survivor of them upon condition the said John and Jane Godfrey will give him the said William J. Godfrey said farm with the appurtenances then to hold in fee-  
Now this agreement witnesseth that in case the said William J Godfrey does do what he hence agrees to do on his part that after their deaths the said property to vest in the said William Godfrey, and we the said John Godfrey & Jane Godfrey do hereby grant unto the said William Godfrey the said tract of land as aforesaid to take effect as their deaths or the survivor of them but it is distinctly understood that the said farm is not liable to the disposal, or debts of the said William J. Godfrey, and not to vest in the said William J Godfrey him to our deaths and the said William J Godfrey covenants to and with the said John and Jane Godfrey to perform all things here in (?) on his part and at their deaths said farm to vest in the said William. Witness the following signatures and seals this the 15 October 1858

John Godfrey



her

Jane x Godfrey  
mark



Wm J Godfrey



Virginia Lewis County To Wit

I Wm A Watson a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do certify that John Godfrey whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 15 day of October 1858 has acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid. Given under my hand this 4th day of June 1859

Wm A Watson J.P.

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Wm A Watson J.P.

Virginia Lewis County To Wit

We George T. Duvall and Wm A Watson Justices of the Peace for the county of Lewis in the state of Virginia do certify that Jane Godfrey Wife of John Godfrey whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date the 15th day of October 1858 personally appeared before us in the county aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Jane Godfrey acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had Willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it Given under our hand this 4th day of June 1859

Geo. T Duvall J.P.  
WM. A Watson J.P.

Lewis County Recorders Office August 9th 1865

This deed, was this day presented in said office and together with the certificates ther to annexed, was admitted to record.

Teste, J. Woofter, Recorder

*John Godfrey*  
*his*  
*Jane Godfrey*  
*Wm A Watson*  
*J. Godfrey*

*Geo. T. Duvall J.P.*  
*Wm A Watson J.P.*

*Teste, J. Woofter Recorder.*

This article of agreement made and entered into this the 9th day of June 1873 between William J. Godfray of the one part and A.J. Mccray and J.A. Mccray of the other part all of the county of Lewis and state of west Virginia witnesseth that the said William J Godfray hath this day sold to the said A.J. Mccray and J.A. Mccray the following described lots or parcels of lands lying and being in the county and state aforesaid on the west side of the west fork river near the mouth of the sand fork including the mill it being part of the same land that was conveyed to the said William J. Godfray and D.C. Mitchel by Joseph Hall and wife bounded as follows beginning at the middle of the river near the willow at the mouth of sand fork S 44 W 14 poles to stake in river S 83 W 18 to stake N 78 W 15 poles to stake N 62 W 17 poles to stake in the river thence S 54½ W to a maple thence S 68 E 18 poles to a stake a corner to lots 8 and 9 thence S 78 E 8 poles to a stake corner to lots 1 & 8 thence N 78 E 13 poles to a chesnut corner to lot no 1 thence N 12 W 13 poles to a stake corner to lots no 2 & 3 thence N 64 E 8 poles to the middle of the river thence S 38 E 15 poles to the beginning containing one acre a half it being lot no 12 or the mill lot one half of the above lot no 12 or mill lot is herby sold and the whole of the following lots no 8 and 9 beginning at a maple a corner to lots no 9 & 11 thence S 68 E 18 poles to a stake corner to lots 8 & 9 thence S 78 E 8 poles to a stake a corner of lots no 1 & 8 thence N 12 W 10 poles to a corner of lot no 7 thence S 85 W 8 poles to a corner lots no 10 & 7 thence S 85 W 14 poles to the beginning containing 130 poles also lot no 2 beginning at corner of lot no 1 on the line of lot no 8 thence N 83 E 13 poles to lot no 12 or mill lot thence N 12 W 6½ poles to lot no 3 a corner of mill lot thence S 83 W 13½ poles to a stake a corner on a line of lot no 7 thence S 12 E 6 poles to the beginning containing 84 poles for the consideration of Twelve hundred dollars to be paid follows to wit four hundred dollars to be paid on the first day of october 1874 and four hundred dollars to be paid on the first day of october 1875. The said William J Godfray binds himself and his heirs & c to make a general Warrentee deed clear of all incomberance to the said A J Mccray and J A Mccray to the above described lots or parcels of land (That is to say to one half of lot no 12 or the lot with the mill and the whole of the lots 8-9 with the house & c and no 2 as Described above) On the first day of october 1873 or as soon as the first payment is paid The said William J Godfray binds himself & c to give full possession of the house and the three lots above described outside of the mill lot on the first day of November 1873 and of the mill and lot on the Tenth day of June 1873 for the true performance of the above obligation I bind my self my heirs & c witness the following signature and seal this the date above written

William ÷ J ÷ Godfrey

*William ÷ J ÷ Godfrey*

This agreement was torn. The top few lines are missing. This is copied as is. V.M.

This agreement..... march 1883 by and between W.D. Forinash ..... part and William Godfrey and others of the second part of this contract all of the state of West Va. witnesseth: That for in consideration of on Dollar in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the party of the first part of this contract agrees to plase a steame saw mill on oill creak in lewis county on the land of William Godfrey where he now lives for the purpose of sawing as much as three hundred good saw logs and as menney more as they desire to said set on the following conditions to wit W.D. Forinash the first part of this contract binds himself to saw this set for cash at thirty cts per hundred feet inch and all unde one inch to be measured fase bord measuurd fase bord measure all scantling and joise to be measuurd inch bord measure Soft timber for oak & Walnut & ash and pine 35 cts per hunderd feet one inch and all under one inch to be measuurd fase measure and all over one inch to be measured inch bord measure the party of the first part binds him self to commenc bisness at this plase on or near the first of april 83 and he allso binds himself to do this sawing in good order and agrees to wait Six months for his pay from theabove Stated time the partyes of the second part binds their selves to furnish timber on the ground sufficient to erect mill shead and skid way full of charge and allso bind their selves to put their logs on the skidway.....mill..... haf to stop for want oflogs and to furnish the party of the first part a house to live in free of charge all so to help move the mill free of charge as witnesseth the folowing signatures and seals this the day and year first above written

John D Wellen

seald

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*John D Wellen*

seald

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William J. Godfrey  
To Deed Trust  
John M. Cummings  
Trustee  
January 18th 1869  
Admitted to Record  
Recorded in Deed  
Book No 4 Page 384

This deed made this 16th day of January 1869 between William J. Godfrey of the first part and John M. Cummings trustee of the second part.

Witnesseth:

That the said William J. Godfrey doth grant unto the said John M. Cummings trustee aforesaid the following property tom't: One Runn Mule, One Brown Mare, One Sorrel Colt, Two Red Cows, Four White Hogs, Fifteen Sheep & a one half interest in a Steam Saw Mill and Grist Mill situate at the mouth of the Sand Fork of the West Fork River. Known as the Mitchell & Godfrey Steam Mills. Also a tract of land situate on Still House Run waters of Hackers Creek Lewis County West Virginia boundes as follows tom't: Beginning at a Black Oak, a corner of an entry made for John H. Hays & also a corner to S.P. Jackson & Joseph Straley and running thence N  $\frac{1}{2}$  W  $18\frac{1}{2}$  poles to a dogwood. N  $\frac{1}{2}$  E 22 poles to a Stake on The Jackson's line. S  $72\frac{1}{2}$  E 14 poles to a white oak, N  $45\frac{1}{2}$  E 111 poles to a Stake corner to John Flesher. S  $75\frac{1}{2}$  E 411 poles to a hickory. (Reverse) N  $75\frac{1}{2}$  W 3 poles to a stake in the road. N 39 E  $30\frac{1}{2}$  poles to a stake in the low gap. S  $61\frac{1}{2}$  E 54 poles to a stake on Flesher's line. S  $89\frac{1}{2}$  E 29 poles to a Maple. corner of an entry made for Francis Walker. S 47 W 114 poles to a gum. S  $\frac{1}{2}$  W 46 poles to a white oak. N 81 W 75 poles to a Black Walnut thence with the Sister Line & Taner line to a white oak, corner of Joseph Straley, and thence with the Jackson line to the beginning containing 115 acres more or less. In trust to secure George W. Curtis in the payment of Two thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$2200) enduiced by a promisory note dated the 20 day of April 1867 the further sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500) enduiced by a promisory note dated on the 16th day of January 1869 both bearing intrest from date both of which said sum an mon due and payable together with the accrued interest therein. and in event the said William J. Godfrey does not pay to the said George W. Curtis the said sums & interest above mentioned in them thirty days from this date there it shall be the duty of the said Trustee upon the same being requested by said Curtis to proceed to sell said land and personal property in persuance with the act of assembly in such cases made and founded. And the said William J. Godfrey covenants to warrant generally the property herein conveyed. Witnes the following signature & seal the day and year just above written.

William J Godfrey



State of West Virginia Lewis County

Recorders office Jany 18th 1869

Wm. J. Godfrey whose name is signed to the intermity (?) bearing date on the 16th day of January 1869 appeared before me in my said office acknowledged the same in due form of law.

Given under my hand this 18th day of January 1869.

John C. Jackson Recorder

State of West Virginia

Recorders office Lewis County January 18th 1869. This deed duly stamped together with the certificate there to annexed, was this day presented in said office and admitted to record

Juste

John C. Jackson  
Recorder



*William J. Godfrey*

*John C. Jackson Recorder*



## DEED OF WALNUT GROVE CHURCH

Recorded in Deed Book, No. 53, page 310  
Lewis County, West Virginia

This Deed made the 24th day of August in the year 1895 between William J. Godfrey and Caroline Godfrey his wife and George I. Cossner, David F. McCord and Andrew W. Gay all of the county of Lewis and state of West Va. Witnesseth; that in consideration of one hundred dollars (100.00) in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said parties of the first part doth grant unto the said parties of the second part all the following described tract or parcel of land lying on Oil Creek County of Lewis State of West Va. and bounded as follows. Beginning on the north side of the W.Va. and P.R.R. at A stake thence N 17 W Five Rods to A stake Thence N 71 E  $5\frac{1}{2}$  Rods to A stake. thence S 10 E 6 Rods to A Stake. Thence S 95 W  $4\frac{3}{4}$  Rods to the place of beginning. Containing 28 Rods more or less. In trust for the use and benefit of the Methodist Protestant Church. To be used as a place of Worship And grant free right of way from said lot to public road. With full covenants of warranty. But it is understood that if this lot Should cease to be used for the afore-said purposes then the title shall revert to the grantors. As witnesseth the following signatures and seals.

witness  
H.D. Mitchell

Wm. J. Godfrey (Seal)  
her  
Caroline x Godfrey (Seal)  
mark

State of West Va. County of Lewis. To Wit I F.M. Blake A notary of said County do certify that Wm. J. Godfrey and Caroline Godfrey his wife whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date the 24th day of August 1895 have this day acknowledged the same before me in my said County. Given under my hand this 24 day of August 1895

F.M. Blake notary

*Witness*  
*H.D. Mitchell*

*Wm. J. Godfrey* (Seal)  
*Caroline Godfrey* (Seal)  
*mark*

Ruth Post (Mitch's cousin from Buckhannon) sent us this paper. She found it while going through papers belonging to her great grandfather, Abraham Rohrbough. It states:  
"Elizabeth Mitchel to carding wool  
Oct. 9th 1863 including 3 bunches of wool  
\$3 & 49 cents paid by A. Rhorbough"

John W Ramsburg(?)

Elizabeth was a granddaughter of Rev. John Mitchel.

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John W. Ramsburg*

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Raymond Wolfe Jr.

### James Russell Bush

BUCKHANNON—James Russell Bush, 86, 227 Arch Street, Weston died Jan. 27, 1989 at 5:45 p.m. at Holbrook Nursing Home. He was born Nov. 15, 1902 in Gilmer County, the son of the late William F. and Anna Dell Spiers Bush.

He was married to the former Genevieve Cheuvront, who preceded him in death. He is survived by his stepson, Charles R. Collins of Buckhannon and six step-grandchildren. He also was preceded in death by two sisters.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Weston, a retired employee of Weston State Hospital, a former

employee of the city of Weston as a police dispatcher, a veteran of World War II and a member of the Sons of the Revolution.

### Pearl Virginia Reger

BUCKHANNON—Pearl Virginia Reger, 76, of Route 3, Buckhannon died at St. Joseph's Hospital Thursday, Jan. 26, 1989. She was born Dec. 19, 1912 on Hackers Creek to the late James and Lilly Blanche Lantz Stalnaker.

Her husband, Glen P. Reger, died in 1980.

She is survived by a brother-in-law, Kyle Reger; William Lanham, whom she raised; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mrs. Reger was a member of the Rocky Ford United Methodist Church. She was buried Sunday, Jan. 29 in Heavner Cemetery.

## QUERIES

1. I am looking for burial place of John CUTRIGHT, II, his wife Christina WEATHERHOLT, and Isaac CUTRIGHT, his wife Cassie Ann CUTRIGHT in Upshur County, W. Va. Raymond WOLFE, Jr., 9362 Benchmark Dr. C, Indianapolis, IN 46240
2. Seeking & will share info on these who all d. Lewis Co. & are bur. Georgetown Cem. Rev. William L. WARREN, b 1817 Greenbrier Co, (W)V, d 1888. His wife: Elizabeth COERRNS/CURRANS/KEARNS b 1822 ?Greenbrier Co., d 1911. Their dau. Susan Emma WARREN b 1856, Jackson Co, (W)V, d 1945. Susan m Elliot Lee STALNAKER. Would like copies of photos of them all. Thomas E. WINTERS, 1011 Ridgeseen Lp. N., Lakeland, FL 33809
3. Need parents of Sudna/Sidney WEST, b ca 1826, m David B. KING, s/o John & Margaret (CHARLES) KING. Phyllis JAMES, 110 Collier St., Aiken, SC 29803
4. Would like info on my elusive ancestors: Thomas DAVIS c 1700's m Nancy BAKER. Their son Thomas DAVIS c late 1700's m Priscilla Aurelia PENNINGTON. Thomas' and Priscilla's dau. Jane DAVIS (2 Aug 1818 - 24 Oct 1899) m 27 Dec 1836 David KELLEY (23 Jul 1816 - 24 Mar 1898) and both bur. Squires Church, Salt Lick Bridge, Sutton, WV. David Kelley was s/o William KELLEY and his wife, Mary Ellen (Marah) SHIVELY. William Lewis KELLEY (30 Sep 1837 - 16 Jun 1919), s/o David and Jane (DAVIS) KELLEY, m (1) Louisa CUNNINGHAM (30 Jun 1837 - 8 Oct 1895), d/o John and Alcinda (Cindy) (ALKIRE) CUNNINGHAM. Where is Squires Church Cemetery? Donalyn S. DOWMAN, 24807 Electric Dr., Bay Village, OH 44140-2718
5. Interested in info on Isaac BRAKE, b ca 1755/Hardy Co. He m Roseanna ALMON (is that the Hacker's Creek ALLMAN family?). In 1818 moved to Ross Co, OH; in 1820 to Union Co, OH. Seek info on early life of Isaac, a possible earlier marriage and any children from that marriage. Can anyone prove/disprove a James BRAKE, b ca 1790, as first child of Isaac and Roseanna? James died in Buckhannon. Also interested in photocopy of the story of Jacob Brake Jr.'s capture and his life in Ohio. Is there a specific date for massacre of Mrs. Brake - some say prior to the Battle of Trough (1756), others say 1758. Harriet PIPER, 2609 Stirrup Ln, Alexandria, VA 22308.

Editor's Note: Check back issues of Journal for Brake story.

6. Seek info on the WEST, WOOFER, RYMER, and PATTON families in central W. Va. My g.g. grandfather, Nathan

WEST (1780-1865), came to Duck Creek, Harrison Co, from Uniontown, Fayette Co, PA ca 1799. Well-known Baptist minister, Rev. John WOOFER (1816-1890) is my g. grandfather. I am 5th gen. desc. of George RYMER (1750-1845), priv. in Cap. William James' Rev. regiment of Monterey, Va. Also am g.g. grandson of William PATTON (1761-1826) who came to western VA from Lancaster, PA.

Especially would like name of model used for portrayal of the miner in Joseph H. Diss DeBar's design and painting of the Great Seal of West Virginia. Records indicate that either William (Billy) PATTON, Jr. (1799-1868) or John Wesley RYMER (1819-1898) served in that role. Karl WEST, 114 Cumberland View Dr., Oak Ridge, TN 37830

7. Seek par. and any info on Samuel PLANT (d before 1838) who m 3 Dec 1821/Harrison Co, VA, Rebecca WASHBURN, b ca 1801. Rebecca, d/o Issac and Amelia (ROY) WASHBURN. Rebecca m/2 Thomas Holbert/Halbert on 11 Dec 1838. Rebecca was living with son, Samuel M. PLANT, in 1880. When did she die? where buried? Known children of Samuel and Rebecca (WASHBURN) PLANT: Mary Jane (b ca 1828 - Dec 1903) m. Noah WINEMILLER; Milly Ann m Isaac FORINASH 6 Nov 1841; Sarah m Jesse L. PETERSON 15 Nov 1842; Marshal B CA 1832; and Samuel M. b Dec 1836, d 3 Apr 1902, Lewis Co. Mary Jane PLANT and Noah WINEMILLER were my g.g. grandparents. Are you desc. from Samuel and Rebecca? Would like to corr. with others in family. Joy GILCHRIST, 105 W. Russell Ave., West Lafayette, OH 43845
8. My g. grandfather was Thornton Tutt TAYLOR. Who were his parents? Garnett CAMP, P.O. Box 63, Reedy, WV 25270
9. WANTED: Par. & siblings of Elizabeth BRAKE, b ca 1804, m. Edward MONEYPENNY; Anything on William BRAKE, b 1808, murdered by bushwackers in Lewis Co 1861; whereabouts after 1822 of Elizabeth BRAKE who m Joshua MINOR. Linda MEYERS, 9682 Woodgate Ln, Byron, IL 61010, 815-234-4207
10. Seek info on family of David John BRAKE, b 24 May 1834; 1/m Mary J. ABEL, d 6 Mar 1882 Gilmer Co. Children: Norman Bruce, Ellis E. m Minerva ABELS 29 Mar 1885 Gilmer Co, David J. Jr., James David and Enoch L., Marcellus m Margaret C. JEFFERIES 10 Feb 1886 Gilmer Co. Also need info on Lydia Rella JACKSON, d/o Julia Ann BRAKE and Edward Thomas JACKSON 1848-1936 of Jane Lew m. Donley Jenkins RINEHART 29 Oct 1912. Linda MEYERS, 9682 Woodgate Ln, Byron, IL 61010
11. Seek info on LIPSCOMB family, in particular, the family

of John and Sarista who lived in Ritchie Co in 1850. Would like info on Flavious J. LIPSCOMB who m Sarah ADAMS, and their family. Lived in Barbour and Harrison counties in 1870-1880. Blanche M. DAY, Rt 1, Box NIN, Wolf Summit, WV 26462

12. Need Correspondence with desc. of Jesse & Mary (JORDON) CUNNINGHAM or desc. of John and Frances (BLAND) CUNNINGHAM who all resided Lewis Co., VA 1820-1880.

John and Frances (BLAND) CUNNINGHAM m 1787 Rockingham Co, VA; moved to Lewis Co ca 1820 with sons Jesse and Silas. There were more children but names not known. Jesse m Mary JORDON 10 Apr 1816 Randolph Co, VA. Jesse and Mary were first cousins. Their children: Frances, b ca 1820; Elizabeth, b ca 1825, m William G. PIERSON 27 Apr 1859 Lewis Co; John J., b ca 1828, m Lucy A. CRAIG 27 Apr 1859 Lewis Co; Enoch G., b ca 1831, m Mary Elizabeth KILEY 22 Feb 1866 Lewis Co; Phebe, b ca 1833; and Mary A, b ca 1835. Will gladly share my CUNNINGHAM and JORDAN info. Gertrude HERDA, 1223 Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell, ID 83605.

13. Seek ancestors and children of Alexander MORRISON (1793-1873) and Margaret BRAKE (1789 - 7777) who were m Harrison Co 30 Mar 1816. Known children: James M; Jacob B (1827-1912), and Harriet J. Jacob B. MORRISON migrated from Lewis Co to Roane Co in early 1850's. Also seek ancestors and children of Jacob ECHARD (ca1805-1881) and Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (ca 1808-1879). Known children: Mary Ann (1831-1891) m Jacob B. MORRISON; Sarah m Abraham RINEHART 1858 Lewis Co; Virginia; and Caroline m Noah RINEHART 1867 Lewis Co. Other possible are Margaret J. ECHARD m. William ALLMAN 1846 Lewis Co and Jeanette ECHARD m David S. ALLMAN 1847 Lewis Co. I believe the ECHARD's came to Lewis Co from Rockbridge Co, VA in 1840's. Daniel B. HUGHES, 115 Watts Lane, Pauline, SC 29374.



BUSH ALEXANDER ANCROM/ANKRUM BUTCHER

According to "Adventurers of Purse & Person", pg.112, Abraham BUSH m/2 Ann ALEXANDER, widow and named her in his will 14 Feb 1686/7-Aug 1687 Lancaster Co.,VA along with his children by both wives and a step-son, William ALEXANDER. Abraham's issue by his 1st: Daniel d.before 20 Jun 1668; George settled in Stafford Co.,VA and made his will in 1758; Abraham; Thomas; and Mary or Marie. Was the George above - the same George who m. Mary ANCROM/ANKRUM and who had daughter Elizabeth registered as born 20 Feb 1746 Stafford Co.,VA in St.Paul's Parish Records? She m. Paulser BUTCHER ca 1773 - where exactly? Need proof on George.

CARPENTER MANN / HAMM ALDERSON

Jeremiah CARPENTER b.ca 1755 possible in Botetourt Co.,VA m. Elizabeth MANN or HAMM 8 Mar 1785 Rockingham/Greenbrier Co.,(W)VA. Minister Rev. John ALDERSON recorded it under both surnames. Which is correct? There were many MANN families in that area during that time period and also a few HAMM families. I would like proof of her surname with learning of her parents.

CARPENTER MANN / HAMM MILLER

Were Jeremiah CARPENTER and Solomon CARPENTER brothers and was Jeremiah named after his father? They originally came from Queen's Co.,NY (Long Island) and came down into Augusta and into what became Rockingham Co.,VA. The MANN, CARPENTER and MILLER families seem to have migrated together. Were Jeremiah and Solomon sons of Joseph who built Fort Carpenter?

GLAZE MEANS

Does anyone know anything about Henry GLAZE or his family? On 1850 Lewis Co. census, he said he was b.in OH (18 Jan 1804). Who were his parents and siblings? He m. Sophia MEANS ca 1826 - where? She was d/o Robert MEANS and his 2nd wife Mary HENRY, and b. 11 May 1808 in what is now Lewis Co. There were a few GLAZE families in that area - a Conrad, Eve, George - were any of these related to my Henry? I would appreciate any help at all.

HENRY BURRELL STARCHMAN HESS OWENS CISCO MEANS

Aaron HENRY had will proved in Monogalia Co. in 1824 which named his wife Rebecca (BURRELL) and his children: Otho m.d/o John STARCHMAN (name in his will); Francis; Joseph m. Hannah BLAIR; Mary m. Robert MEANS; Elizabeth m. Jeremiah HESS; Rebecca m. James OWENS; and Jane m. Abram CISCO (or Francisco). Would like correspondence with any of descendants of these people.

BUSH SNARR / SMARR / SWANN PRINGLE

Jacob BUSH d.27 Nov 1832 and is buried in what is now Gilmer Co. instead of Lewis. Possibly in the Horn Creek area. Margaret, his wife d. possibly 28 Jul 1847. Can anyone give me proof of these dates? DAR records seems to recognize her surname as SWAN but could be SNARR or SMARR. Which is it? He received pension from service with Capt. Sam. PRINGLE's Co. of Indian Spies. I would like to know who is the wife and children of Samuel PRINGLE? Jacob possibly substituted for his brother John in service of Rev War.

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FISHER BUSH STRATTON

Eunice STRATTON b.ca 11 Nov 1771 was possibly d/o Seriah STRATTON and his wife Catherine, originally from Mason Co., KY. Does anyone know for sure? Eunice m. Charles FISHER ca 1789 - when? Charles dated his will 15 Jul 1829 Lewis Co. and it was proved in Feb 1830. What is his deathdate and where was he buried? They had son George FISHER who m. Barbara Elizabeth BUSH, (d/o Jacob and Margaret) with their marriage bond dated 1 Jan 1807. George d. 7 Feb 1861 and Barbary d. d.1864 - in the Murphy Creek area of Lewis Co. Does anyone else work on these families?

BUTCHER FISHER BADGETT STRATTON

Joseph BUTCHER was b.ca 19 Dec 1806 and had marriage bond with Eunice FISHER dated 13 Jan 1828. She was d/o Eunice (Stratton) and George FISHER b. in Jan 1810 - when? Joseph said to have d.in 1846 - when? They lived Harrison, now Lewis Co. He did not seem to have had a will. They had 8 children: John Webster BUTCHER; Nancy; Lucinda - m. Peter BUSH; Matilda - m. Wm. Harrison REXRODE; Martin; Margaret - m. Andrew FLESHER; Wilson; and Joseph Jr. - m. Phoebe BUCKBY. Eunice m/2 Edmond BADGETT 16 Apr 1847 Lewis Co. They had George Boland BADGETT and Elizabeth BADGETT. The whole family moved to Reedy, Roane Co., (W)VA in 1858 where Edmond died. Eunice d. 11 Mar 1890 and is buried in the Old BADGETT Cemetery in Reedy as "Grandma Butcher Badgett", age 80 years, 3 months. Would like any help with this family. Joseph BUTCHER was son of John Anderson BUTCHER and wife Christena "Ienie" Alkire BUTCHER.

MEANS NEELY HENRY BURRELL

Robert MEANS came from County Tyrone, Ireland in 1784 at ca the age of 18 to live with his uncle Isaac MEANS in the Potomac area. Robert m/1 Jane NEELY and had 4 children: Jacob - m. Elizabeth JACKSON; Robert Jr.; Eleanor (Nellie) - m. Walter WILSON; and Sarah or Sallie. Jane died ca 1791 and Robert m/2 Mary HENRY, d/o Aaron and Rebecca (BURRELL) HENRY. They had Jane m. Wm. CARTER; Rebecca m. Abraham HINZMAN; Isaac m. Eliz. STARCHER; Mary m. Wm. HINSMAN; Otho m. Cath. STARCHER & Nancy CUMMINGS; Elizabeth m. Archibald USBORNE; Sophia m. Henry GLAZE; Tabitha m. Thomas REID; Mariah m. Joseph USBORNE; Margaret m. Lewis BONNETT and poss. another child Amy m. Rich. BATTON. Robert MEANS evidently m/3 to a Margaret? WHO? Laurel Lick Church listed "Robert MEANS and wife" as members in 1838. Which wife and where are they buried?

MILLER CARPENTER MANN/HAMM

Samuel MILLER was prob. b. 25 Apr 1796 in Greenbrier Co., (W)VA and perhaps was the son of Henry MILLER, called Iron Henry MILLER, who had a forge. Sam. m. Rebecca CARPENTER, believe to be d/o Jeremiah CARPENTER and Elizabeth MANN or HAMM - WHO? Sam and Rebecca were m. in Jackson Co, between 1813-17 - does anyone know the date? They are listed in the Jackson Co. Census for 1840 and 1850. and Samuel d. 13 Jan 1874. Rebecca d. 31 Oct 1875. They were parents of 12 known children: Elizabeth; Mary; Joshua; Basil; Jeremiah; Nancy (my ancestress m. Rich. WINE); John; Samuel Jr.; Amos; Emmaline or Emsey; Thomas; and Anderson. Would like to work with others on this family.

Now I have word that wife of Jeremiah CARPENTER is Elizabeth HAMM. Can anyone help me, please? *or is it MANN?*

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